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## Chinese workers kidnapped in Kordofan

-Nine Chinese oil workers at an oil field in South Kordofan State were kidnapped by an armed group. Sudanese security authorities are currently pursuing the kidnappers and gathering information as to where the abductors may have taken the workers. Reports indicate that the kidnappers are from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), Kordofan sector. Meanwhile, Ali Yousif, the Protocol Director from the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, met with the Chinese Ambassador to Sudan to discuss the incident. According to Yousif, the kidnapped workers are “well and still in North Kordofan.” (*Al-Wifaq, Khartoum Monitor*)

-Sudanese authorities accused JEM of the abduction. The JEM rebels attacked a Chinese-run oil field in Kordofan last year, kidnapping two foreign workers. Two months later, the group attacked an army garrison in another Chinese-run oil field in the same state. The rebel group has not issued any statement claiming responsibility for the recent kidnapping. The Sudanese Foreign Ministry stated that Sudanese forces are scouring the area where the kidnapping took place but, as yet, “no contact has been made with the kidnappers.” (*Sudantribune.com*)

## Darfur authorities question UN coordinator

Yesterday, the government of North Darfur State called in Gregory Alex, Head of the UN Coordination Office for Humanitarian Affairs in El-Fasher, to justify allegations he made recently with in a report regarding violence in the state that resulted in the mass displacement of Darfuris. According to Ajras al-Hurriya, the UN official said the report was taken out of context. Osman Kabar, Governor of North Darfur State, told reporters that

it was true that although government patrols were combing the area, nothing had led to mass displacement. (*Ajras- Al-Hurria, Al-Intibaha*)

## UN donates satellite system to assist road map

The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) has donated a satellite imagery system to the Ad hoc Technical Border Committee tasked with producing a border map in accordance with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The equipment will be used to delineate the January 1, 1956, border. Next month, a final border demarcation report will be presented to President Al-Bashir. (*Al-Sahafa, The Citizen*)

## Clashes over Al-Bashir’s statement

Members from the Hausa tribe in eastern Sudan clashed with security forces following news reports that cited the Sudanese president as saying that they have no roots in the country. According to the independent Al-Ayaam newspaper, Al-Bashir described the Hausa tribe as non-Sudanese, saying “there is no tribe in Sudan with that name.” Official news agency SUNA published statements attributed to Al-Bashir denying that he made any such remarks. He also affirmed that “the Hausa were one of the most harmonious and integrated tribes in society.” Al-Bashir accused some parties of attempting to deliberately “fan the fire of sedition” and of pushing the Hausa tribe to retaliate against the central government. (*Sudan Tribune*)

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