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Chinese envoy offers solutions on Darfur

The Chinese envoy for peace in Darfur, Liu Guijin, is on an official visit to Sudan to discuss the Darfur issue and seek a sustainable solution. During the visit, Guijin met with President Al-Bashir and other government officials from the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Chinese envoy expressed his country's support for the Sudan People's Initiative and his hopes for a peaceful solution to Darfur. Guijin conveyed China's concerns regarding the implications of the move made by International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo against President Al-Bashir, saying that China had "concrete solutions" for dealing with the ICC issue. The envoy's meeting with the Sudanese government officials also touched on the safety of the kidnapped Chinese oil workers. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

Minnawi: political parties behind "provocation"

Mini Arco Minnawi, the presidential aide and leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement SLM/Minnawi faction accused "political organizations" of stirring trouble within the ranks. Minnawi stated during a press conference held yesterday that the aim of these political organizations, which he refused to name, was "to weaken the movement, to obstruct the Abuja Agreement, and to hinder the transformation from a military movement to a political one." (*Al-Wifaq*)

Vatican urges spreading the Bible in Sudan

The Synod of Catholic Bishops concluded a meeting yesterday in the Vatican, where they discussed spreading the Bible's message in Africa, particularly in Sudan. The council of bishops said that spreading the message of Christianity in Sudan was difficult due to existing conflicts in the country in addition to the many dialects in Sudan. The

The bishops said they would request charity and aid organizations to assist in the translation of the Bible into the different local dialects in Sudan to help spread Christianity. (*Al Intibaha, Al Wifaq*)

-The article in *Al-Wifaq* went on to mention that this confirmed the concern of the Sudanese government, who had on several occasions accused foreign aid organizations of trying to impose Christianity on the Sudanese refugees by using food and assistance to manipulate the faith of these people.

Minister urges development of non-oil resources

Lual Deng, the Federal Minister of Finance and National Economy stated that one of the solutions for facing the international financial crisis is to enhance the non-oil resources and to improve tax-collection and custom revenues as well as rationalizing consumption. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Financial crisis will impact oil revenue in Sudan

The Sudanese government acknowledged today that the global financial crisis will have a negative impact on the economy and the 2009 budget. Sudanese Cabinet Spokesperson Omer Salih told Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that the governor of Sudan's Central Bank and the finance minister submitted a report which concluded that the country is not immune from the crisis. The report revealed that the decline in oil prices, which would affect the state revenues, would negatively impact the economy. The Central Bank has issued recommendations to commercial banks, government departments, and private businesses to move their transactions abroad. (*Sudantribune.com*)

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