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## **President Al-Bashir to visit Saudi Arabia**

The Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir is scheduled to hold talks with King Abdulla bin Abdulaziz in Saudi Arabia this week. During their meeting, the two counterparts will discuss bilateral relations between the two countries, the means for bolstering joint cooperation as well as regional and international issues of mutual concern. (*Al-Khartoum*)

## **Deliberations on Forum recommendations**

The Presidential Committee for the National Forum of the Sudan People's Initiative on Darfur began its deliberations on the reports and recommendations put forward by the seven specialized sub-committees of the forum. Information Committee Rapporteur Maryam Takas told reporters that the Presidential Committee would make its observations on the reports and set a date for a general conference immediately after its deliberations. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **UK, France agree to Chinese proposal on Darfur**

The British and French governments have reportedly agreed to a Chinese proposal to defuse tensions resulting from the move by the International Criminal Court to indict Sudanese President Al-Bashir. (*Sudantribune.com*)

## **Sudan and Chad to exchange Ambassadors**

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that Sudan and Chad will exchange Ambassadors between November 7 and 10. The announcement was made by Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor at the National Assembly, in Khartoum, yesterday. He also announced a meeting

would be held in Chad, from November 12-14. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **Kiir: Road map for the right to secede**

President of the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) Salva Kiir Mayardit said that the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) is planning to lay the groundwork for a road map to exercise the right of Southern Sudan to secede or unite with the north. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

## **Group kills 5 of the kidnapped Chinese workers**

-According to an article in *Al-Watan*, five of the nine kidnapped Chinese oil workers being held hostage by a group of rebels from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) were slain by their abductors last night. The article said that two of the workers are still alive, while the fate of the other two remains unknown.

-A conflicting report from *Sudantribune.com* cited London *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* in quoting the group's leader as saying that "none of the Chinese workers had been killed" and that the group wanted to end the ordeal peacefully and hand over the hostages to the Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM).

-The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemned the action yesterday, describing it as a "cowardly and criminal act" and stating that the government was planning to set up a strategy for protecting foreigners in Sudan. (*Al-Sudani*)

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