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## President Al-Bashir to visit Sennar State

Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir is scheduled to visit Sennar State on Wednesday to inaugurate public water and electricity utility projects. Sennar Sugar Area Electricity Project will provide 200 villages with electricity. Al-Bashir will also witness harvest festivals in the State and address a mass rally. Meanwhile, Wali (Governor) Ahmed Abbas of Sennar State described the visit as “historic.” (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

## Aid partners discuss means of cooperation

Hassabo Mohamed Abdul-Rahman, Commissioner-General for Humanitarian Aid, met with Amira Haq, UN Coordinator of Humanitarian Aid in Sudan, on Sunday along with the two Deputy Coordinators for Humanitarian Affairs in Darfur and Southern Sudan. They discussed coordination between humanitarian aid partners; priorities for 2009; and voluntary repatriation and reintegration programs in southern Sudan, the Three Areas, eastern Sudan and Darfur. Also discussed were statistical updates and national capacity building. (*Sudan News Agency*)

## Security organs deny assassination attempt

The National Security organs of West Darfur State denied allegations of an assassination attempt on a procession carrying Wali Abu Algassim Al-Imam of West Darfur State and his accompanying delegation to visit localities in the region two days ago. (*Al-Intibaha*)

## Sudan wary of “South’s separation”

According to Qatari daily *Al-Sharq*, Sudanese Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail said that his country was “concerned” about the

possibility of secession of southern Sudan describing this eventuality as “catastrophic.” According to Ismail, “although the Comprehensive Peace Agreement gives the South the right to separate or unite, there is a need for conditions to be as attractive as possible for unity” and for more Arab investment in the South in order to bring Arabs and Southerners closer geographically, culturally and economically.”(*Al-Sahafa*)

## UNAMID receives warning against JEM attacks

Both *Al-Ahdath* and *Akhbar Al-Youm* published articles referring to a message sent by a Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) source yesterday that warns the UNAMID hybrid forces of a possible attack by JEM on UNAMID forces in Darfur. Ali Al-Sadig, the Sudanese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, dismissed the allegations, indicating that the “Foreign Ministry had not received any information about the possibility of an attack.” Al-Sadig accused unnamed sources of trying to stir a “state of turmoil and unrest within the region.”

## SDG40 million allocated for the people of Darfur

The Ministry of Finance and National Economy has allotted an amount of 40 million SDG as compensation for the people of Darfur, in accordance with the stipulations of the Sudan People’s Initiative. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

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