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## **GoS committed to protect foreign missions**

*SudanTribune.com* has published an article that quotes Al-Adel Al-Yaqcoub, the Deputy Chief of Police, stating that “Sudanese police officials were taking the necessary precautions against possible retaliatory attacks by radical groups on some foreign missions if the International Criminal Court (ICC) decides to issue an arrest warrant against Al-Bashir.” Meanwhile, *Al-Khartoum* quotes the spokesperson for the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ali Al-Sadig, reiterating the Government of Sudan (GoS)’s commitment to protect foreign missions.

## **SAF: “South Darfur under control”**

According to Osman Mohammed Al-Agbash, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) spokesperson, the area of Shearia in South Darfur State “is under the army’s control.” Al-Agbash announced that “SAF forces are on standby to ensure that there are no further attempts by JEM to target the security and stability of the nation.” Al-Agbash also described the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM)’s allegations of controlling the region as “unfounded” and their activities in El Fasher as “attempts to create propaganda.” He asserts that SAF forces “will not allow the rebels to terrorize civilians” and will “control JEM’s attempts to target peace.” (*Al Intibaha, Al-Khartoum*)

## **NCP: Losing the elections will harm the CPA**

Mandoor Al-Mahdi, a senior official from the National Congress Party (NCP), said that the future of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) is dependent upon the outcome of the upcoming elections. Said Al-Madhi, “if anyone wins these elections other than the NCP or the SPLM, then the CPA will be placed in the garbage can.” Al-Mahdi

also asserted that “fair and free” elections will be held and that the “NCP will accept the choice of the people.” (*SudanTribune.com*)

## **GoS pledges to protect peacekeepers**

The Sudanese government has reiterated its commitment “to protect the joint AU-UN peacekeeping hybrid troops in Darfur.” The spokesperson for the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on Tuesday that the government was committed to “the successful completion of the UN’s two-mission mandate” in Sudan. (*Sudan News Agency, The Citizen, Al-Watan*)

## **Sudan urges objective reporting on Kalma**

The Sudanese embassy in Geneva has called on the United Nations to adopt “transparent and impartial” reporting procedures in Sudan, referring to the attacks on Kalma Camp in August 2008. The Sudanese ambassador to Geneva assailed UNAMID documents which “claimed the SAF violated international law by using excessive force.” Furthermore, he requested that UNAMID be “well-balanced” and “include an overall picture of what had really happened.” Dahab reminded the UN that “the Sudanese Government regrets the incident, and has taken considerable measures to look into the case.” (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

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