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## **Al-Bashir pledges “peace in Darfur”**

Speaking at the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the National Assembly on Monday, Sudanese President Al-Bashir pledged to “solve the conflict in Darfur.” Al-Bashir stated that the government will “exert maximum efforts” to “promote dialogue with the armed factions in Darfur” in order to “achieve comprehensive peace.” (*Al-Sahafa*)

## **Al-Bashir welcome President Obama’s stance**

In his address on Monday, Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir affirmed that he welcomed the “positive stance adopted by U.S. President Barack Obama toward the Islamic world.” Al-Bashir also said “constructive dialogue and mutual respect was the only way for defusing the tension between nations.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Khartoum Monitor*)

## **VP launches Merowe electricity project**

Sudanese Vice-President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha inaugurated the connection of two power stations connected to the Merowe dam with the national electricity grid. Taha pledged that “all the people of Sudan will reap the fruits of this ongoing development process” and that “Sudan will be creating more of these developmental projects.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al Rai-Al-Aam*)

## **Kiir says “politicians behind tribal conflicts”**

The Vice-President of the Government of National Unity and President of the Government of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit asserted that politicians were encouraging “tribal conflicts among the Southerners.” Kiir was referring to the recent violence that has erupted in the Upper Nile, Jonglei,

Eastern Equatoria, Warrap, and Lake States. (*Al-Rai-Aam, The Citizen*)

## **MP says “South Darfur State free of insurgency”**

A Member of Parliament from South Darfur State Abdullah Ishaq has claimed that his state is “free from rebel movements” but instead “suffers from tribal conflicts,” particularly between the Fallata and Habbania tribes. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **ICC to issue decision against Darfur rebels**

The prosecutors at the International Criminal Court (ICC) said that they expect a ruling in April on the case against Darfur rebels on the charge of attacking a military base in Haskanita, which left 10 African Union soldiers dead. Speaking at a diplomatic hearing last week, deputy ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda said that her office “hopes to have a decision from the judges this month.” (*SudanTribune.com*)

## **GoS: Egypt’s efforts in accord with Doha talks**

The Government of Sudan said that Egypt’s efforts to conduct talks with regards to peace in Darfur lie “within Egypt’s priorities to instill stability in the entire region.” According to the Government of Sudan, these efforts “go hand in hand with the Doha talks” and that there is “no political malice between Qatar and Egypt.”

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