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## **MFA asks U.S. to remove Sudan from terrorism list**

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) urges the U.S. to take a “bold decision” and remove Sudan’s name from the list of state sponsors of terrorism. Ambassador Nasr El Din Wali, Head of the MFA America Desk, said “Sudan’s placement on the list is groundless,” and its removal from the list will automatically reshape the current relations between the two countries and “eliminate the injustice imposed on Sudan by the previous U.S. administration.” (*Al-Ahdath Sudanese Media Center, Al-Khartoum*)

## **GoS welcomes remarks of UNAMID Commander**

Speaking on behalf of the Government of Sudan (GoS) Sudan’s Permanent Envoy to the United Nations Abdelhalim Abdelmahmoud told reporters that the GoS welcomed remarks by outgoing UNAMID Joint UN-African Union peacekeeping forces Commander General Martin Luther Agwai. General Agwai called the current security situation in Darfur “stable.” Abdelmahmoud considered that such a comment from an insider’s standpoint countered “the isolated voices that have stated otherwise.” (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

## **NCP member finds Amum’s remarks “shocking”**

Head of the southern sector of the National Congress Party (NCP) Riak Gai said he found the statement to the U.S. Congress by Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) Secretary General Pagan Amum’s “shocking.” Amum had allegedly requested that Sudan’s name not be lifted from the list of state sponsoring of terrorism. (*Sudanese Media Center, Al-Wifaq*)

## **Differences between GoS and Minnawi faction**

The joint security arrangement committee between the GoS and the Sudan Liberation Movement

(SLM)/Minnawi faction currently face disagreements on disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes. The disputed issues have been submitted to the political committee, who will review the problems and come up with solutions. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **Sudan lobbies African support with new approach**

Head of the African Department at the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Ibrahim Ahmed Abdelkarim disclosed that the GoS was making extra moves to maintain the support of African countries to oppose the decision by the International Criminal Court to indict Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir. The MFA stance is that “although African Union member states had recently reached a consensus to unanimously oppose the ICC decision, some African countries, such as Chad, Uganda and South Africa, have stooped to Western pressure.” (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Four swine flu cases detected in Khartoum**

Four cases of Swine Flu (H1N1 virus) have been detected in Khartoum to date, the last being a Sudanese who was in the United Kingdom. According to press reports, Khartoum State Minister of Health Bermino Oriat said the patient is currently undergoing proper treatment. He noted that the other three cases have fully recovered. (*MirayaFM, Khartoum Monitor*)

## **Sudan to chair Arab League meeting in Jerusalem**

Sudan has been invited to chair an Arab League emergency meeting in Jerusalem tomorrow. The delegate-level meeting is to discuss the latest developments in Palestine and will be attended by Arab League Secretary General Amr Musa. (*The Advocate*)

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