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Armed militia launch attacks on IDP camps in Darfur

Armed militias launched attacks on camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Darfur, wounding two children and killing a civilian. The attacks took place in Kas locality in the Butri and Kas IDP camps, where angry militias opened fire on innocent civilians within the vicinity. According to press reports, the body of a murdered military officer was found near the Butri IDP camp. Eye-witnesses stated the militias gathered near the IDP camps were waiting to launch further attacks. *Al-Sudani*)

South Sudan may continue oil-sharing with north after secession

The Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) is contemplating whether to continue its oil-sharing arrangement with the North, should Southerners decided to secede. GOSS Minister of Presidential Affairs Luka Biong indicated in an interview with Financial Times that that the North and South may agree to extend the wealth-sharing arrangement even after the creation of a new Southern state in order to prevent economic collapse: "Our concern is economic viability ... and unity," Biong said. Although he notes that "many powers in the South may resist this idea," he adds that "it is in the interest of the South not to see the economy in the North collapse." GoSS President Salva Kiir Mayardit announced that the South of Sudan would continue to use Port Sudan to export its oil. *(Sudantribune.com)*

Darfur movements demand postponement of elections

Darfur Armed Movements demanded that upcoming April elections in Sudan be postponed until the crisis in Darfur is resolved. The demand was made during

a meeting between Joint United Nations and African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) Special Representative Ibrahim Gambari and the Darfur armed movements currently participating in peace negotiations in Doha. *(Al-Sahafa)*

SLM/AW commanders isolate Abdulwahid

Sudan Liberation Movement/Abdulwahid faction (SLM/AW) field commanders announced that the authority and chairmanship of the faction's leader, Abdulwahid Mohammed Nur, would be transferred to Abdallah Khalil Abakar until the executive members of SLM/AW convene again. The decision came during an extraordinary meeting, held by members of the SLM/AW, aimed at addressing Nur's failure in meeting the demands of his fellow comrades and resolving disputes within the movement. *(Al-Sudani, Al-Intibaha)*

SLM-Minnawi doubtful about Sudan-Chad ties

A SLM/Mini Arco Minnawi faction spokesperson, Zu Al-Noon, noted that "Sudan and Chad's bilateral ties deteriorated after every agreement and visit." The SLM spokesman maintains that the two countries should adopt a "genuine spirit of trust and good intentions" in order to overcome their differences, "taking the interest of the people into consideration rather than the regime itself." *(Rai-Al-Shaab)*

Al-Turabi says Al-Bashir will rank fourth or fifth position in the April election polls. *(Ajras Al-Hurria)*

Former U.S. President Carter meets with Al-Bashir and Sudanese high-level officials during his visit to Khartoum *(Al-Watan)*

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