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## **Sudan to appoint new Envoy to the UN**

The Government of Sudan (GoS) has decided to replace Sudan's Permanent to the United Nations, Ambassador Abdel-Mahmoud Abdel Haleem, with another envoy to represent Sudan. The new representative to the UN is likely to be Dafalla Al-Haj Ali Osman, a Foreign Ministry official. (*The Democrat*)

## **GoS denounces UNAMID incident**

The Sudanese Foreign Affairs Ministry issued a statement denouncing the "heinous" ambush in South Darfur on Egyptian soldiers working for United Nations/African Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) three days ago, killing two and wounding three others. The Ministry also indicated in the statement that it would pursue the attackers and would make sure that the crime did not go unpunished. The Ministry expressed condolences to the families of the victims and wished the injured a swift recovery. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Two arrested in recent UNAMID attack in Darfur**

Governor of South Darfur, Abdul-Hamid Musa Kasha, announced that authorities in South Darfur have arrested two suspects involved in the recent killing of the two Egyptian UNAMID soldiers. A police spokesperson, Mohamed Abdul-Majid, said that authorities are still investigating the case and that the two men are part of a seven-member gang involved in looting and terrifying citizens in the area for some time. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Wefaq, Al-Ayam*)

## **WFP accused of distributing contaminated food**

Rumor has it that food distributed by the World Food Program (WFP) through humanitarian aid organizations for the internally displaced in Darfur

is contaminated and has resulted in cases of infertility. An official from the Humanitarian Aid Commission refused to comment on the issue, while another official working for the Department of Quality Control and Standards confirmed the re-occurrence of incidents of "contaminated foods provided by the WFP, such as the contaminated flour that caused bouts of laughter and hysteria in South Kordofan." The official blamed authorities in Khartoum responsible for quality reassurance of not testing these food items before distribution. (*Al-Tayar*)

## **NEC admits to vote rigging in the East**

An unnamed official in Sudan's National Elections Commission (NEC) acknowledged that an investigation into a YouTube video revealed two cases of vote rigging in the recent Sudan elections. The NEC source told *Al-Rai-Al-Aam* newspaper that the ongoing probe was launched after a formal complaint was submitted to the NEC. The NEC official told the newspaper that the staff in charge of the two polling stations would be brought to trial if alleged irregularities are proven. (*Sudantribune.com*)

## **Mbeki begins meetings in Khartoum today**

A high-level delegation from the Wise Men Panel for peace in Darfur, lead by former South African President Thabo Mbeki, has begun meetings in Khartoum today with Sudanese government officials. The delegation is to discuss an African Union Peace and Security Council report on progress made on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the latest developments in Darfur. (*Al-Qwat-Al-Mslha, Al-Ayam*)

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