



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **U.S. Charge' on U.S.-Sudan relations**

U.S. Charge' Alberto Fernandez told reporters at the Canadian Embassy yesterday that there is no roadmap for improving U.S.-Sudan relations, but said the U.S. is willing to study any Sudanese initiative. On Darfur, he said that there is a need for real dialogue that would include all influential parties, IDPs, the Arab tribes, and civil society in the political process in order to achieve real peace. *(Al-Khartoum)*

### **Accident involving UNAMID armored vehicle**

Five people were killed and 19 injured when a UNAMID armored vehicle collided with a bus on the highway between Nyala and El-Fashir. A statement issued by UNAMID claimed that the armored vehicle was escorting a relief convoy when the accident occurred. *(Al-Ahdath, SMC)*

### **Canada to send peace envoy**

In a meeting yesterday with Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman, visiting Canadian Minister Maxime Bernier said his country will send a peace envoy to Sudan. Canada pledged support for the UNMIS and UNAMID. Osman described donor response for the peace agreements as "below aspirations." *(Al-Ahdath)*

### **Misseriya: meeting may not defuse tensions**

The General Union of the Misseriya Tribe has expressed doubts that the forthcoming conference on co-existence with the Dinka tribes will help defuse the tension in Abyei. The Union has described the conference slated for the end of this month as a "public relations bubble." *(Al-Ahdath)*

### **SAF criticizes VP Kiir over redeployment talk**

The Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) has criticized Vice President Salva Kiir over recent statements in which he said that the SAF is yet to redeploy north from three areas. SAF spokesman Osman Al-Aghbash is agreeing that the UN figure on SAF redeployment north of the January 1, 1956 border is at 97%, and that the remaining 3% of SAF troops remain south of that border for "administrative purposes." He also lashed out at the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) for not redeploying south of that line. *(Al-Intibaha)*

### **SPLM lashes out on statements over elections**

Atim Garang, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, criticized statements by National Congress Party (NCP) member Kamal Obeid on doubting Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) commitment to the forthcoming elections. Atim, a prominent member of the SPLM, said that such a statement is reminiscent of the war rhetoric and would have been acceptable before 2005 but not today. *(Rai Al-Shaab)*

### **Courts ban reports on death in police cell**

A local court has issued a decision to ban all publication of reports on the recent death of two people while in police custody pending a court ruling on the issue. The decision was taken in order not to prejudice the course of justice, the court said. Babiker Suleiman and Mohamed Geili died on March 24 in a Khartoum North police jail where they were being held on charges of drug trafficking. Several police are awaiting trial on charges of premeditated murder. *(Rai Al-Shaab)*

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