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### Lt. Gen. Al-Burhan Meets with Delegation of United States



Lt. Gen. Al-Burhan has reviewed the situation in Sudan and the cooperation between the two countries in the coming period. She said that the meeting has discussed the issue of the civilian government and the need to establish it as soon as possible.

The US official pointed out that the meeting also focused on the importance of dialogue on the transitional period to include all sectors of the Sudanese people and to stress that the transitional period will move Sudan to a new situation that responds to the aspirations

of the people. She described the meeting was exceedingly constructive, referring to willingness of the American side to continue dialogue with the Transitional Military Council during the coming period and to support the Sudanese people choices. She said that time is passing, a matter that necessitates speeding up the process for formation of a civil government that responds to the people's aspirations. MO

Khartoum, April 23 (SUNA) – Chairman of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Lt. Gen. Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, Tuesday met at the Republican Palace with the visiting American delegation headed by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Michele James, on East Africa, Sudan and Southern Sudan, as part of the consultations between the two countries. In a press statement, ambassador Michele, said that the meeting between the US delegation and

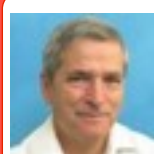
### Al-Burhan: We will not allow use of Force against Demonstrators

Khartoum, Apr. 23 (SUNA) The Chairman of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Lt. Gen. Abdul Fattah al-Burhan indicated to the BBC Radio Program "Hard Talk" that he will not allow the use



of force against the demonstrators whom they claim the transfer of power to a civilian government.

Al-Burhan has stressed in an interview with the BBC Radio Program "Hard Talk" that the TMC is only wanting to preserve the security and doesn't seek to rule. ta



### WELCOM H.E. Khalid Musa



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Welcoming Ambassador designated, Khalid Musa Dafalla, for our first contact, at a very challenging time for [#Sudan](#) All the best on your new post! Germany stands by Sudan and its people and supports a peaceful [#transition](#) of power to civilian government.



### TMC Political Committee Informed on Vision of DUP (Origin)



Khartoum, April 24 (SUNA) – The Political Committee of the Transitional Military Council, headed by General Omar bin Zain Al-Aibdin, Wednesday reviewed the vision of the Democratic Unionist Party (origin) on the transitional period and its tasks. The leading figure of the party said in a statement after the meeting that their vision is based on the formation of a national government of the technocrats

in which the party will participate only in the legislative side. He said that the party will present this week to the Transitional Military Council its

vision for a constitutional declaration of the transitional period.

He stressed the importance of accord among the political forces and focusing on the sovereign body of the state to surpass the political crisis and create a suitable atmosphere for free and fair elections and overcoming the state of political standstill and bargains in the issues of the people. MO



## Foreign Ministry Commends Positions of Sudan's Brothers and Friends

Khartoum, April 14 (SUNA) – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed its thanks and appreciation to all the brothers and friends of Sudan who expressed their solidarity, support and concern towards Sudan as it takes its first steps for a peaceful transition of power and democratic transformation that realize the hopes and aspirations of the Sudanese people and its rising forces. The ministry said in a statement Sunday that the step taken by the Sudanese Armed Forces, supported by the rest of the regular forces at the dawn of Thursday, April 11, was a bias to the revolution of the Sudanese people for reaching freedom, justice and peace. The Foreign Ministry indicated that the step came after explicit calls of the masses of people on the Armed Forces to intervene to end the political stalemate and the security and social crisis, which were experienced the country during the last period and threatened with decline of the country into an abyss of fighting and instability. The statement pointed out that the Transitional Military Council has affirmed the full commitment to establish a just civil government and to hand over power to a civilian government formed by the people within a maximum period of two years, indicating that the role of the Transitional Military Council during this period would be limited to emphasizing the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary, keeping security and maintaining peace, providing appropriate political climate for all components of society to build and form political parties and civil society organizations that will lead the peaceful transfer of power, as well as fostering dialogue among all the civil society spectrum. The statement pointed out that the Transitional Military Council will represent the sovereignty of the state, besides formation of a civilian government that will be agreed upon by all, adding that the Chairman of the Transitional Military Council has stressed the firm commitment to enhance and promote human rights in accordance with international conventions and agreements ratified by the Sudan. The Ministry reiterated Sudan's commitment to all the local, regional and international treaties, charters and agreements, and to maintain good neighborly

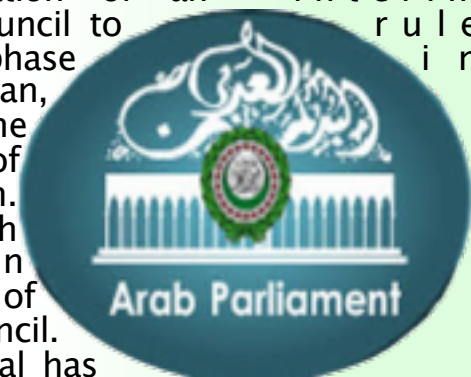


relations and balanced international relations taking into account Sudan's supreme interests and the non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. The ministry has referred to the renewing of the declaration of a comprehensive cease-fire throughout the country and the call on all the gun holders to sit down and engage in dialogue to reach peace and peaceful coexistence based on new principles and standards. The statement explained that the Foreign Ministry looks forward to the understanding and support of the international community for the sincere efforts of the Transitional Military Council and the Sudanese political and civil forces to achieve the wishes of the Sudanese people for a complete democratic transformation, building the state of institutions and achieving balanced and just development.

The Foreign Ministry has expressed its thanks and appreciation to the brothers and friends who have extended help to Sudan in response to the current economic crisis. The Foreign Ministry pointed out that it looks forward to effective economic cooperation from the international community that will allow Sudan to utilize its natural and economic resources and to be a pillar of food security regionally and internationally, and to contribute to the economic and social development in the African continent, adding that this also requires the implementation of the international commitment towards Sudan as a country emerging from conflict by exempting its debts and removing the obstacles that prevent it from receiving aid and funding from international institutions. MO

## Arab Parliament Supports Transitional Period in Sudan

Khartoum, Apr. 15 (SUNA) The Chairman of the Arab Parliament, Dr. Mesha'al Bin Fahm al-Slmi, has announced his support appreciation to the response of the Sudanese armed forces to the demands of the Sudanese people, and the formation of an interim military council to rule the new phase in the Sudan, and the selection of Lt. Gen. Abdul Fatah al-Burhan chairman of the council.



Dr. Mesha'al has emphasized in a phone call with ambassador Badur-Eddin Abdulla, the acting foreign minister, the support of the Arab parliament for the transitional period in the Sudan to realize aspirations of the Sudanese brotherly national, calling on all the states, and the regional and international organization to recognize the interim military council, and to support it in its historical mission in this critical stage the Sudan is passing. He reiterated commitment of the Arab Parliament to stand by side all what would realize the aspirations of the Sudanese people to live in dignity, prosperity and development, stressing the importance of maintain the Sudan's security and stability, as it was considered an important and pivotal country in the Arab world and the African continent. ta

## Agricultural Bank pays 1.3 billion pounds for wheat purchase

Wad-Medani, April 23 – The Acting Director of the Agricultural Bank, Gezira Sector, Dhu-Al-Kifl Ahmed Al-Amin has revealed the receipt of 2 million sacks of



wheat from the farmers in the Gezira Scheme, including 1,162,000 sacks as a surplus production. Al-Amin announced, in a statement to SUNA, that the total payment of surplus wheat production up to date amounted to 1.3 billion pounds and work is under way to receive the rest of the wheat crop.

The Director of the Agricultural Bank, Gezira Sector urged farmers to expedite the delivery of the product before the closure of the warehouses in early May, adding that the delivery of wheat to the mills will be according to the amounts allocated by the Strategic Inventory Management. BH/BH

## Daglo Meets EU Ambassador

Khartoum, April.15 (SUNA) – Deputy Chairman of the Transitional Military Council, Lt. Gen. Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, received Monday at the Republican Palace the Ambassador of the European Union to Khartoum, Jean-Michel Dumond. During the meeting Daglo has briefed the European official on the current situation in the



country, including the steps taken so far by the Transitional Military Council to make a success the transitional period and the on the going consultations to form civil government.

The EU Ambassador said in a press statements that the union is committed to

providing all the requirements to make a success the transitional period in Sudan, describing his meeting with Lt. Gen. Daglo as frank and clear. He considered the steps taken by the TMC, including the release of all the political detainees, lifting of the curfew and restructuring of the security body, as important for building confidence between the concerned parties.

He said that the EU memberstates are keen to see stability, safety, prosperity and democracy prevailing in Sudan. IF/MO



## Lt. Gen. Al-Burhan Receives Ambassador of China



Khartoum, April 24 (SUNA) - Chairman of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Lt. Gen. Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan, received in his office at the Republican Palace the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Sudan, Mr. Ma Xinmin, in the context of the consultations between the two countries.

In a press statement, the Ambassador of China said that the meeting has reviewed the current political situation in Sudan and the efforts of the Transitional Military Council to achieve a Sudanese

accord.

The Chinese Ambassador pointed out that his country encourages all the Sudanese political forces to work together and to focus their dialogue on the ways to realize stability, enhance the economy, achieve the interests of the Sudanese people and to agree on the surpassing of the current stage.

The Chinese ambassador expressed his confidence on the ability and wisdom of the Sudanese people to overcome the current difficulties. MO

consensus on the transitional period. He said that China appreciates the role being assumed by the Transitional Military Council in the current stage, especially with regard to leading the dialogue between all the Sudanese political components toward achieving



## Lt. Gen. Daglo Meets Delegation of Mining Sector

Khartoum, April 24 (SUNA) - Deputy Chairman of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Lt. Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Daglo, met Wednesday with a delegation of representatives of the mining sector and the gold producing companies, in the presence of the Chairman of the Economic Committee of the TMC.

In a press statement, the representative of the mining companies, Muttasim Al-Haj, said that the meeting has underscored the great role of the mining sector in boosting the national economy. He said that the meeting has reviewed the different mining process, the obstacles facing the mining sector and the importance of cooperation to solve them. The TMC has affirmed its readiness to provide the required support to the mining sector. MO

## Dialogue Parties Decide to Meet Head of Military Council



Khartoum, Apr. 17 (SUNA) The Movement of the Revolutionary Committees has called for a meeting for the leaders of the dialogue parties to draw up a road map for the next stage. The meeting held Wednesday,

has included 21 of the leaders of the dialogue parties, has decided to meet with the Chairman of the Transitional Military Council to explain their views and ideas about the future vision of stability in Sudan.

The General Coordinator of the Revolutionary Committees Movement in Sudan, Mohmoud A'abdeen Salih noted in press statement to SUNA, following the meeting, that the dialogue parties will continue its meetings tomorrow, Thursday, at the African Studies Center in Khartoum, with the participation of 40 of the parties' leaders, in order to clarify and understand the stance of the national dialogue, the need to complete the dialogue outstanding outcomes, discuss the disagreed upon laws, such as the Parties Act, the establishment of the constitution, the establishment of the legislative councils to control the political life, and to deliberate on the public economic and political issues.

A'abdeen has praised role of the Armed Forces, and lauded its cooperation to achieve the goals of the transitional period. He called on the various party blocs that have consensus on opinion for the need of joint cooperation to correct the political life, and to achieve public discipline, indicating that the meetings should discuss how to gather visions of all political parties on a unified strategic vision for the Sudan's future. ta

## North Darfur Commends UNESCO's Efforts

Al- Fashir, Apr. 2 (SUNA) The Minister of Education and Orientation of North Darfur state, Abdullah Musa Fadda, has commended the great works provided by the UNECO's chair to Sudan in general and to Darfur in particular.



During his meeting with UNISCO's office in Sudan delegation led by Mr. Babel Broken, the Office Director in al-Fashir, in the presence of Acting Director-General of the Ministry, Mohamed Ismail Daou Al-Baiet, the Director of the State Radio and Television Authority and the director of the Culture Department, the Minister of Education said that the state is relying heavily on UNESCO to implement more projects that promote services in various fields and that in touch with the people's lives.

The UNISCO's director in Sudan, on his part, retreated his office commitment to provide the required needs for the linkage of the local communities, besides the localization of peace and mending of the social fabric, noting to the UNISCO's concern with the partners to provide data base, indicating his office keenness to resume the projects of the society radio via the Italian aid.

The ministry's Director General has reviewed the strategic projects that the ministry intends to implement represented in the concern with technology education, provision of the modern education means, in addition to the teachers training, considering teachers as the basic pillar in the spread of the message of the social peace and literacy Projects. ta



## Gum Arabic in The Sudan A Sustainable Resource

Khartoum, Sudan (World Conference on Gum Arabic)-Gum Arabic is the exudate produced by two major trees, Acacia Senegal and Acacia Seyal, in addition to 30 other Acacia trees, which, all, comprise the so called Gum Arabic Belt in the Sudan.



Gum Arabic trees throughout the gum Arabic belt depend completely on Rain and no supplementary irrigation is given. The Rainy season is limited to the months June - September. Also the trees do not receive any fertilizers and don't receive any form of chemicals whether insecticides or pesticides. The trees and their product is hundred percent ORGANIC.

- This Gum Arabic belt extends from the eastern borders of Sudan with Ethiopia to the Western Borders with Chad and central Africa, covering an area of half a million Squared kilometers (500,000) KM<sup>2</sup>. The Gum belt trees together represented a suitable environment to host 90% of Sudan animal population, around 130,000,000 million animals (Sheep, Cattles, and Camels) and provides 60% of the natural forage for these animals.

The Gum Arabic belt and its trees constitute the most suitable micro climate for the rainfall of 1000 billion cubic meters of Rain supplying the ground reservoirs and maintain the rain fed agriculture and supplying the Nile River and its at tributaries and considered the main supply of water to Egypt and other countries.

Accordingly the gum Arabic Belt will continue to be the main important factor for supply of water and a place for food security and a strategic location for food sec The Sudan and its neighbouring countries depend wholly on the Gum Arabic Belt for charcoal and firewood in the absence of Petrol.

The Gum belt trees Supply the Sudan with 1,200,000 Tons of Charcoal annually in addition to the supply of 5,000,000 tons of wood for burning and building. The gum Arabic Belt trees mostly belong to the family leguminaise which gives natural fertilization to the soils and emit oxygen...



## 70 years of partnership



**By ROBIN DAVIES**

Country Director, Sudan, British Council. I have degrees in Modern Languages, European Literature and International Relations, and he has spent most of his working life in the Security sector. Joining the British Council in 2009, and before taking up the post as Country Director Sudan in 2016, he enjoyed appointments in Brussels, Bangladesh and Pakistan. He says, "Working in the Cultural Relations sector in Sudan is a very rich experience. It is a privilege and hugely motivating working with the Sudanese and International British Council staff here."

We established our first office in Sudan in January 1948. Since then, apart from a seven-year absence from 1950 until 1957, we have maintained a continuous presence in Khartoum.

As the UK's international cultural relations organisation, we steadily expanded our presence further across Sudan, primarily focusing on English language teaching but also running cultural centres and libraries. By the mid 1960s we had established six offices across Sudan.

In 1989 we reduced our footprint to our current premises in down town Khartoum, from where we continue to expand our impact, cost effectively, across the whole country.

Over the last 70 years, through our work in arts and culture, education, English language, sport, entrepreneurship, civil society and youth development we have been making a positive contribution to the people, institutions, and

governments of Sudan. We have changed lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust, and in turn these relationships have enriched British culture, and our knowledge about this extraordinary country.

In 2018, we celebrate 70 years of the British Council's work in Sudan in education, professional training programmes, and in developing cultural links between our countries. We have refurbished our Khartoum office, which now offers a welcoming space for all our customers and visitors, nine large, modern classrooms for our students, and a comfortable working environment for over 120 teachers and staff. The British Council is expanding its work in education, including in

schools, universities, the professional skills sector and higher education, beyond the capital to reach fragile states in Sudan, injecting 21st century skills into the classrooms, training teachers, updating curricula on a national scale, and supporting Government to transform education systems. Partnering with local business, including CTC, in a national innovation and enterprise competition, we train young entrepreneurs in social enterprise and business development skills. We offer the young people of Sudan the required English language skills to improve their employability. We work closely with the Ministries of Education and Higher Education at federal and state levels, providing the expertise and networks to improve the quality of teaching and learning across Sudan.

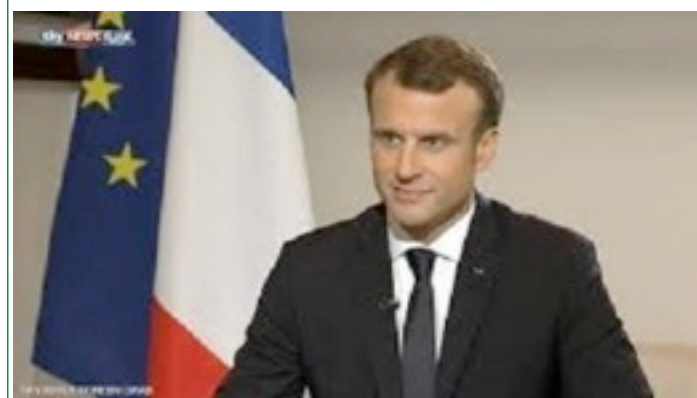
Partnering with the Ministry of Higher Education, the British Council has conceived and introduced a new programme to improve university students' level of English language – much needed as schools often fail to deliver to the required level for academic purposes. The four year course will soon be piloted in four Sudanese universities, and more than 300,000 university students will benefit. Over the last two years the British Council has rewritten the English language curriculum in Sudan. We have recrafted the suite of students' English text books, the teachers' manuals and the trainers' guides.

The interactive approach, the use of teaching aids and games, and the promotion of group learning and student involvement have all contributed to the added value that the British Council has brought to the partnership with the Ministry of Education. Funded by the World Bank, this programme will ensure that all teachers will have been trained in delivering the new curriculum.

Finally, we run several networking programmes for Sudan's artists and creatives; we are engaged in community and volunteering programmes and, funded by the British Council's global Cultural Protection Fund, we work closely with British and Sudanese partners to digitally preserve, and make accessible to the public, Sudan's cultural history, and to refurbish three museums in Sudan, including The Khalifa House in Khartoum.

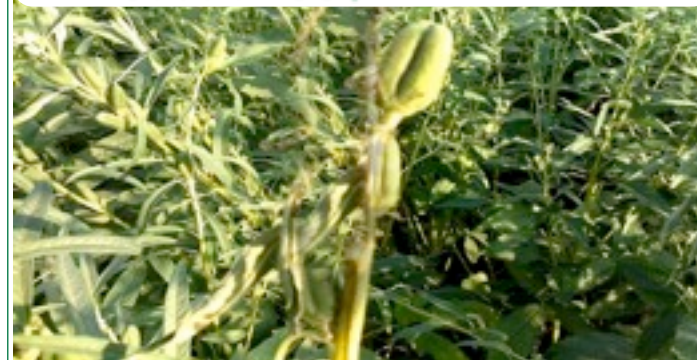
The cultural relationship between the UK and Sudan has never been richer. It is a relationship which aspires to ever greater friendly knowledge exchange and understanding.

## French President Appreciates Peacefulness of Sudanese Revolution



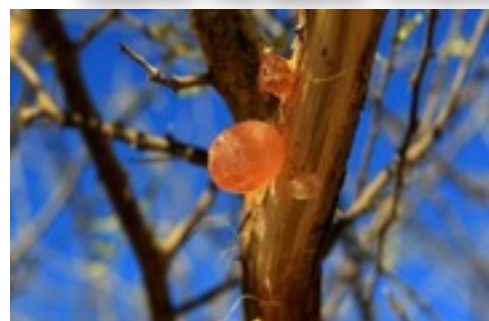
Khartoum, April 25 (SUNA) – The French President, Emmanuel Macron, has called in a speech to the protestors of yellow vests in his country to avoid resort to violence, and called them to follow suit of the Sudanese protestors. "Look at the Sudanese revolution and its peacefulness, in which thousands of protestors took part, but we did not see violence or unethical practices. We should all be aware that state institutions belong to the people." MO

## Sudan and Canada Sign Contract for the Implementation of Al-Salha Water Station at a Cost of US\$112 Million



Khartoum, April 15 (SUNA) – The price of Sudanese white sesame has stabilized at around \$ 1,520 per metric ton in the world markets. This was said on Monday by the Sudan Trade Point bulletin. The price of one metric ton of Ethiopian sesame was \$ 1,550 whereas the price of the mixed Tanzanian sesame was \$ 1390 per metric ton. The Nigeria's mixed sesame was \$ 1,370 per a metric tonne. But the highest price was for the white Indian sesame, which was \$ 1673.25 per a metric ton. BH/BH

## France Biggest Importer of Gum Arabic from Sudan



Khartoum–Sudan Ambassador to France Daffallah Al-Haj Ali has disclosed that France is

considered as biggest importer of gum Arabic from Sudan as France has wide industrial base for the various gum Arabic products for supplying many companies for food and medicines production. This came when the ambassador met Secretary General of Gum Arabic Council Dr. Abdul-Majid Abdul-Gadir, who chairs the committee on programs and activities of the International Gum Arabic Conference, which is to be organized by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in Sudan on May 1–3. The ambassador affirmed that all procedures for facilitating participation of the French companies in the conference have been adopted.

## Anti-Measles Campaign in East Darfur Launched



Al-Daein, Apr.25(SUNA)-The Extended Immunization Department at Ministry of Health and Social Development in East Darfur State launched

at Al-Neem Health Center (B) Thursday a joint campaign for eradication of measles, VAD and polio.

Present at the launching ceremony were Director-General of the Health Ministry, Dr Fatima Ibrahim Saeed, federal supervisors and director of the Extended Immunization Department.

Dr Fatima said the campaign would cover all state's localities. Villages and IDPs camps, urging families and mothers to respond to this campaign by immunizing their children. She added that the Health Ministry will exert huge efforts to make the campaign a success. Ab/ab

## Al Kindi Yusuf Calls for Speeding up Sudan's accession to WTO

Khartoum, April 25(SUNA)-Economist, Professor Al Kindi Yusuf has called for accelerating Sudan's accession to World Trade Organization (WTO) in the light of



the global economic transformations and mobility. Al-kindi said in a press statement to SUNA that the world is now moving through economic integration between countries, which means applying comparative advantage in producing goods and services.

He pointed out that every country has a comparative advantage in producing a certain good or service, and that Sudan is producing the finest types of Arabic gum, regionally and internationally, which increase its chances to join the WTO. Professor Al Kindi touched on the advantages and benefits Sudan could gain from joining the international organization, including access to financial, logistical and technical support. sn/ab