

## Memo of understanding between National Upstream Company and Chinese Tianjin Company signed



A memorandum of understanding was signed between the National Upstream Solutions Company (NUS) and Tianjin Company (DFXK) of China was signed, in the presence of the Minister of Oil and Gas Dr. Abdulrahman Osman on financing the purchase of two 1,500-horsepower oil drilling platforms at soft payment terms extended up to three years. The General Manager of the National Upstream Solutions Company Consult-

ant Engineer Ahmed Abu Bakr signed on behalf of the Sudanese side and the President of Tianjin Company Mr. Li Shi Lou signed for the Chinese side. The Minister of Oil and Gas praised this partnership, stressing the depth of the strategic relations between Sudan and China, asserting his keenness on the continuity of economic relations in all fields and cooperation in the field of oil with Chinese companies.

## Sudan Announces Largest Copper Reserves in the World



Sudan's copper mine of Outeeb contains the largest reserves of copper in the world, according to Director General of Ariab Mining Company, Engineer, Nasrul-Eddin al-Husien. The mine contains about 5 million tons of copper, 140 tons of gold, 700 thousand tons of zinc, and 3 thousand tons of silver reserves, with total of reserves of about USD 17 billion dollars. During the visit of the Minerals Minister and the accompanying delegation to Hadal Outeeb mine, he announced a high level negotiations with 4 international banks, and sovereign funds for the financing of the projects of copper production in Outeeb mine. He expected the negotiations on the pro-

ject would finish by the start of the new year, and for the production to be launched during the period of 14-18 months. Ariab Mining Company is the leading mining company in resource rich Sudan and East Africa. It has been incorporated as a multinational private mining company in 1991 in Sudan to explore, exploit, mine, process, and sell of Gold and other associated minerals. AMC established as a successful model resulted from the governmental cooperation in the fields of geological researches between Sudan and France. At establishment the shareholdings of the company where distributed as 56% for Sudan Government and 44% for Cominor a Canadian/French Company. More recently the shareholding restructured to 95% for Sudan Government and 5% for the Industrial Development Bank.

## Sudan's Asawer, U.S. Baker Hughes to Work on Gas Projects

Sudan's Asawer Oil and Gas Company and the U.S. Baker Hughes signed on Monday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the implementation of gas projects. In a statement released in



Khartoum, the technical arm of the state oil and gas firm Sudapet, said the cooperation agreement was signed by Lorenzo Simonelli, the Chief Executive Officer of Baker Hughes and Asawer Investment Director Nagi Abbas in presence of Abdel Rahman Osman, Sudan's Oil and Gas Minister. Baker Hughes is a U.S. industrial service company. It is one of the world's largest oil and gas field services companies based in Texas. The two companies will work in the implementation of gas and associated gas projects, as well as cooperation in spare parts and drilling fluids, said the statement. Speaking at the signing ceremony, Minister Osman called to invest in the oil and gas fields in the Red Sea. While Simonelli expressed readiness to invest in gas and oil services. The head of Baker Hughes further said the lift of U.S. sanctions on Sudan would encourage American oil firms to work in Sudan. Sudan has proven gas reserves of 3 trillion cubic feet, but development has been limited. It also does not have the pipelines or the port terminals to bring in gas or liquefied natural gas, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration in 2014. Last October, President Donald Trump ended a 20-year economic embargo on Sudan. The two countries said they would resume talks on the remaining sanctions particularly Sudan's removal of the list of states sponsor of terrorism.



## Cooperation Agreements Signed between Sudan's, S. Sudan's Businessmen's Unions

The General Union of the Sudanese Businessmen, signed with its S. Sudan's counterpart an agreement for the formation of the two states Joint Businessmen Council in the framework of the agreements signed between the two countries. The Deputy Chairman of the Sudanese Businessmen Union, the Chairman of the Trade Chambers Union, engineer Yousif Ahmed Yousif, has signed for the Sudan's side, while, Aie Duang Aye, the chairman of the S. Sudan's Businessmen Union has signed for his party. The signing ceremony was attended by the Secretary General of the Union of Sudanese Businessmen, and Dr. Yassin Hymeida, the Secretary General of the Union of the Trade Chambers. The agreement aims at establishing a joint council for the businessmen in the two countries to contribute in the efforts exerted by the two states for the promotion and development of their economic, trade and investment cooperation, the increase of the trade volume between them and set the plans for this goal, introducing the practical propositions for the leaderships of the two countries to facilitate and the treatment of the problems and



obstacles that might constrain the two countries objective of aggrandizing their economic relations, the council, also would work for the exchange of information, visits, and the participation in the forums and exhibitions in both countries. In statement following the signing ceremony, engineer Yousif noted in a press statement to SUNA, that the signing of the agreement is an advanced step for the development of the cooperation relations between the two sides, pointing to the private sector's great responsibility towards the citizens in S. Sudan through the delivery of the strategic commodities to the markets of S. Sudan, the contribution in the construction of the infrastructures, and the rehabilitation of the artisans in the south, indicating expectations of the increase of the recent humble trade exchange to around 5 billion dollars.

## Sudan and Uganda to Organize Joint Investment Conference in Khartoum



Entebbe- The President of the Republic, Omer Al-Bashir, and the Ugandan President, Yoweri Museveni, have agreed on holding a joint Sudanese - Ugandan investment conference in Khartoum in a date to be fixed later. This was expressed in the joint communique which was issued by the end of the visit of President Al-Bashir to Uganda. The joint communique was signed by the Foreign Minister, Prof. Ibrahim

Ghandour, and his Ugandan counterpart, Okello Oreym. Meanwhile, the two Presidents have exchanged views on the regional security and the need to reactivate the agreement for solving South Sudan crisis through the bilateral efforts and the IGAD. Presidents Al-Bashir and Museveni have called for support to the African Union's mission in Somalia and the Somali state's institutions, especially the security sector, and helping the Somali government shoulder up its responsibilities for reaching peace. The two presidents have underscored importance of the cooperation between the two countries through their standards and metrology institutions. They welcomed the selection of TARCO Aviation Company to launch direct flights between Khartoum and Entebbe.

## President Al-Bashir and Putin Hear Inclusive Briefings on Cooperation between Sudan and Russia

Sochi, The Sudanese and Russian Ministers of Defence, Agriculture and Finance have given briefings to the President of the Republic, Omer Al-Bashir, and President, Vladimir Putin, at their second meeting Thursday on 23.11.2017 in Sochi, Russia. In a statement to SUNA, the Foreign Minister, Prof. Ibrahim Ghandour, said that the two sides affirmed that the cooperation between Sudan and Russia is progressing well and covered the mining, educational, financial and cultural field.



He said that the Sudanese and Russian sides asserted that the cooperation between the two countries was launched in the fields of oil and natural gas exploration. Prof. Ghandour pointed out that the Sudanese and Russian parties have deliberated in length about the issues of exportation and importation, especially regarding Sudan importation of wheat from Russia and the exportation of Sudanese vegetables and fruits to Russia.

He indicated that the Sudanese and Russian Ministers of Defense have given a briefing to the two presidents on the cooperation in the military domain between Sudan and Russia at the arms and training fields, especially that the Sudanese Armed Forces depends in part of its training and arming on the Russian-made weapons.

He said that the Ministers of Agriculture of the two countries have given a briefing on the cooperation between Sudan and Russia at the technological and agricultural manufacturing fields, adding that the Sudanese and Russian Ministers of Finance also gave a briefing in the financial, economic and money transfers' fields.

Prof. Ghandour said a Russian company announced at the meeting that is producing 1.5 tons of gold in Sudan annually and that its production is increasing.

It is to be recalled that President Al-Bashir stated in meeting with President Putin that some attempts are attempting to halt the Sudanese gold exploration. He indicated that President Al-Bashir has affirmed the importance of continuation of the Russian support to Sudan. The two sides have affirmed continuity of the cooperation between Sudan and Russia at the fields which were discussed at the meeting.





## Sudan Britain Sign Military MoU

Sudan and Britain on Tuesday 14.11.2017 signed a military Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to exchange experiences and provide the administrative and logistic services to facilitate the East African Standby Force (EASF) Military Field Training Exercise Exercise.

The MoU was signed on the Sudanese side by the Sudanese army Chief of Staff, Major General Emad Eddin Mustafa Adawi, and the British ambassador to Sudan Michael Aron. Aron highlighted the importance of Britains participation in the exercise, which will come within the framework of the MoU.

Spokesperson for the Sudanese Armed Forces Brigadier Ahmed Khalifa Al-Shami, said the agreement

represents the beginning of qualitative cooperation in the framework of the development of relations between Sudan and the United Kingdom.

Earlier this month, Sudan announced the completion of preparations for hosting the manoeuvres of the EASF.

EASF which is one of the five sub-regional brigades of the African Standby Force will conduct the upcoming field training exercise in Eastern Sudan this month with the participation of British troops.

The objective of the regional force is to undertake the functions of maintaining peace and security at the appropriate time in accordance with the authorization of the African Union Peace and Security Council.

## FM announces new Sudanese American tracks



The Minister of Foreign Relations professor Ibrahim Ghandour on 14.11.17 announced an agreement on new tracks has been reached during the Sudanese American talks

He pointed out in press statements following a meeting with the US Assistant secretary of state, Sullivan, that the new tracks include lifting the name of the Sudan from the list of countries accused of sponsoring international terrorism, writing off Sudan foreign debts and Sudan joining the World Trade Organization. The Minister said the visit by the American official constitute the launching of a new phase in this process, reaffirming that the Sudan is committed to what was achieved in the previous five tracks which, he stressed, have now become national agenda. He said the Americans on their side have reaffirmed their commitment to continue with the five track plan.

Ghandour said the talks with the American also focused on cooperation for peace and security in the region and that the American side has commended the role being played by the Sudan towards the south Sudan question and that the Sudan is hosting millions of refugees from south Sudan. He said m the Americans have also said they were happy with the humanitarian tracks opened by the Sudan for delivery of humanitarian assistance to the need in south Sudan. He said Sudan on its part has confirmed unilaterally and within IGAD that it is committed to achieving peace in south Sudan and to the agreement reached by President Omar Bashir and his southern counterpart, President Salva Kiir of South Sudan on security matters. He said the Sudan referred to an important question which was that of economic cooperation following the revocation of sanctions, while the American saying they would follow up the coming of American companies to the Sudan and that the American banks are actually committed to cooperating with Khartoum and that the cooperation of other international banks would follow gradually, but might take some time. He said it was agreed at the conclusion of the talks to exchange visits and to discuss those questions raised. He stressed that the two sides would soon reach a clear plan that would reflect the commitment of each side in any of the questions.

## Britain Lauds Sudan For Efforts to End War in South Sudan

British ambassador to Khartoum, Michael Aaron, expressed support for the efforts of the Government of Sudan to bring peace to South Sudan state and to stop the war. He said Britain wants peace in South Sudan and that refugees in Sudan should return to their country. During a visit to the White Nile State, a delegation from the federal government and donors inspected the areas of the South Sudanese refugee camps and the Sudanese returnees from the South.

The visit included the camps of Daba, Busn, Alaqaya and gawdah, during which they discussed the community security and stability projects carried out by the Commission for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

During the visit, the British ambassador said the British government will support development projects for refugees and host communities in the White Nile state. Also present was the Deputy Ambassador of Spain who praised the social cohesion between refugees and Sudanese, saying they supported those communities in agricultural projects, services and pledged continued



support in the coming years.

The Minister of International Cooperation, Ambassador Sulaiman Idris, stressed that refugee hosting communities provided a unique model for the whole world in the humanitarian field and social coexistence to harbor, support and assist southern citizens.

He said the ministry's priorities focus on development projects, health services, education and drinking water, noting that the White Nile state will find special support to host large numbers of southern refugees.

In turn the returnees and refugees in all areas visited by the delegation emphasized that these projects have contributed to social stability by providing livelihoods for youth and women, and strengthening the resilience of local communities to building and sustaining peace.



## CTOUR VOR ORT: MEDIENTREFF SUDAN

Das Rote Meer ist unter den Reiselustigen in aller Welt bekannt und beliebt. Ganzjährig angenehme Wassertemperaturen von etwa 22 Grad, die ab Juni auf über 25 Grad ansteigen, locken Sonnenhungrige, Badefreunde und Wassersportler an das Rote Meer. Nur etwa vier Flugstunden von Mitteleuropa entfernt, wartet hier ein unglaubliches Strandparadies mit faszinierender Unterwasserwelt auf den Besucher.

Touristisch am weitaus besten erschlossen ist die Küste vor Ägypten, aber damit auch oftmals überlaufen. Wer jedoch glaubt, mit einem Ägyptenurlaub das Bade, Schnorchel- und Tauchparadies am Roten Meer kennen gelernt zu haben, der kann eines Besseren belehrt werden. Denn noch sieben weitere Länder umschließen das Rote Meer – mit bisweilen von Reisenden beinahe unberührten Küstenstreifen.



Botschafter Badreldin Abdalla begrüßte die Medienvertreter in der Botschaft am Berliner Kurfürstendamm.

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Das südliche Nachbarland Ägyptens, die aufstrebende Republik Sudan, ist eines dieser Länder. Hier sind im wahrsten Sinne des Wortes noch manche Schätze zu entdecken. Nach der jüngsten Rücknahme der Sanktionen gegen den Sudan wird ganz sicherlich der Tourismus in Schwung kommen. Und das nicht grundlos. Denn der Sudan kann nicht nur als Badeparadies dem populären Nachbarn Ägypten Paroli bieten sondern auch in puncto Kultur, Menschheitsgeschichte sowie bei archäologischen Entdeckungen und Sensationen. Gegenwärtig reisen rund 590.000 Touristen jährlich in den Sudan, 58 Prozent davon kommen aus Westeuropa.



Sudan-Botschafter SE Badreldin Abdalla (2. v. l.) im Gespräch mit Prof. Dr. Dr. Jörg Soller (l.), Fachrichtungsleiter Tourismus an der Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht (HWR) Berlin, SKH Prinz Dah Bokpe v. Allada (2. v. r.), Leiter des Benin-Tourismusbüros

in Berlin und Hans-Peter Gaul, CTOUR-Vorstands-sprecher.



Lebhafter Gedankenaustausch beim Get together in der der Botschaft des Sudan.

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Beim CTOUR-Medientreff in der Botschaft des afrikanischen Staates war davon zu erfahren. Botschafter Badreldin Abdalla hatte über 30 Reisejournalisten von Berliner Medien begrüßt. Unglaublich, welche Geheimnisse und welche jahrtausendealte Geschichte im Sudan verborgen liegen. Nach aktuellem Stand der Forschung hatte der Sudan bereits 5000 Jahre vor der Zeit der Pharaonen in Ägypten seine Hochkultur. Bei der Präsentation anlässlich des CTOUR-Abends in der Botschaft der Republik Sudan am Kurfürstendamm kamen interessante Themen zur Sprache. So berichtete der Architekt und Wissenschaftler Dr.-Ing. Mohamed Elfath Ahmed u. a. über die beispiellosen Erkenntnisse von Friedrich Wilhelm Hinkel bei seinen Forschungen im Sudan, einem anerkannten Architekten und Pyramidenforscher der Berliner Humboldt Universität.



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Eindrucksvoll auch die fotografischen Impressionen der Journalistin Barbara Schumacher, die das Land bereits mehrfach besucht hat. Beim anschlie-

ßenden Get together am leckeren arabischen Büffet von Cana Catering gab's weitere interessante Gespräche u. a. mit Omer Hamid, 1. Sekretär der Botschaft der Republik Sudan. Der Abend in der sudanesischen Botschaft machte neugierig auf ein Land im Aufbruch. Wie Frank Grafenstein, CEO neuste Grafenstein GmbH Berlin mitteilte, wird es Anfang Dezember eine Studienreise mit Reisejournalisten und -veranstaltern in den Sudan geben. Auf dem Programm stehen u. a. Besuche der Hafenstadt Port Sudan, der Hauptstadt Khartum sowie von archäologischen Ausgrabungsstätten.

### Minister of Electricity: Sudan is committed to the professional and scientific track of Renaissance Dam

The Minister of Water Resources, Irrigation and Electricity Muataz Musa has



revealed Sudan and Ethiopia have reservations on some of the fundamental points of the preliminary consultative report on the study the economic, social and environmental impacts of the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam.

The minister said that at the top of these points was what the baseline data from which studies of the operation of the dam starts on which the Egyptian side reserved, adding that Sudan and Ethiopia submitted constructive and objective proposals supported by the standing agreements and forwarded proposals for clarifications from the consultant for the success of the negotiations a matter that Egypt also reserved.

However, the Egyptian side notified the meeting that it needed to consult with the leadership of his country. Musa stressed that they were waiting for the response of Egyptian side.

The minister affirmed Sudan's commitment to the professional and scientific path as a way to resolve all differences in visions and positions, reiterating Sudan's adherence to the Khartoum Declaration of Principles on the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, which was signed by the heads of the three countries in March 2015.