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NEWS ROUND-UP

Sudan, South Sudan relations

Reuters: Rebels say seize military base in Sudan border oil state

16 April: Rebels in Sudan's oil-producing border state of South Kordofan said on Tuesday they had seized a military base near the state capital, underlining tensions in the region that could undermine the recent detente between Sudan and South Sudan. [Read more.](#)

Sudan

Al Jazeera: Sudan frees army officers held for coup bid

17 April: Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir has pardoned nine army officers, days after they were jailed for their role in an alleged coup attempt, state news agency SUNA reported. [Read more.](#)

South Sudan

AP: More than 20 killed in South Sudan violence

18 April: A theft of 750 cattle sparked a manhunt by security forces that devolved into an attack by those forces on a medical facility, where four medical staff and a patient were killed, officials said on Thursday. More than 20 people died in total. [Read more.](#)

Sudan Tribune: Chinese VP vows stronger ties with South Sudan

21 April: The Chinese vice president, Li Yuanchao on Thursday vowed to promote friendly cooperative ties with newly independent South Sudan. [Read more.](#)

Darfur

AFP: Paramilitaries 'mutiny' in Sudan's Darfur: ministry

21 April: Paramilitary forces in Sudan's Darfur have mutinied, the interior ministry said on Sunday, as a United States diplomat expressed concern that security in the western region is worsening. [Read more.](#)

Sudan Tribune: JEM-Bashar deputy general commander killed in North Darfur clashes

21 April: The Justice and Equality Movement led by Mohamed Bashar (JEM-Bshar) announced the killing of its deputy general commander Saleh Moahmed Jarbo and accused JEM rebels of his death in North Darfur. [Read more.](#)

ICRC News release: Soldiers including wounded released in Darfur

21 April: Seven soldiers of the Sudanese Armed Forces released in Darfur by the Sudan Liberation Army – Minni Minnawi (SLA-MM) were handed over to the Sudanese authorities today. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) facilitated the handover, acting in its capacity as a neutral intermediary. [Read more.](#)

Reuters: Peacekeeper shot dead in Sudan's Darfur region

20 April: An international peacekeeper was shot dead by unknown gunmen in an eastern part of Sudan's Darfur region, the joint African Union-United Nations peacekeeping mission (UNAMID) said. [Read more.](#)

South Kordofan

Sudan Tribune: Turkish company to explore oil in South Kordofan

21 April: The Sudanese Ministry of Oil signed on Saturday a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Turkish company Soma Group by which it will grant the latter a concession to begin oil exploration and production in block 23 in the state of South Kordofan. [Read more.](#)

Sudan Tribune: Sudan vows to neutralize SPLM-N rebels in South Kordofan

20 April: The Sudanese government today affirmed that its army is on alert to circumvent any offensive by the Sudan People Liberation Movement North (SPLM-N) in South Kordofan state. [Read more.](#)