



Weekly Report

Sudan

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"I think this decision is a victory for media freedom, and judicial freedom. It's the first time the Constitutional Court cancelled a security service decision about a newspaper."

- Osman Mirghani, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Tayar

Number of displaced climbs in Darfur

- The International Organization of Migration has estimated that as many as 40,000 civilians have been displaced after looting and arson in Sudan's Darfur region.
- Tensions have been high in the camps of displaced persons since the Rapid Support Forces, known locally as Janjaweed militia, were deployed in the Darfur region in early February. There have been reports of attacks on displaced persons.
- Source: Special Broadcasting Service

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2014/03/04/darfur-displaced-may-be-40000>

Ban on major Sudanese newspaper lifted

- The Sudanese government has proclaimed a two-year ban on Al-Tayar, a major Sudanese publication.
- The ban was issued by state security agents, but was recently struck down as illegal in a Sudanese court decision.
- However, three other publications, including an English language newspaper, were recently seized by Sudanese officials for such infractions as using the term "Janjaweed".
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/03/sudan-ends-ban-newspaper-but-seizes-others-20143612465697691.html>