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## **Weekly Report Brief**

### **SPLM–North alliance with Hilal and the unfulfilled dialogue frustrates Doha**

**Arab Coalition for Sudan  
Cairo, Follow Up**

In an attempt to broaden its political and military alliances, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement–North (SPLM–N) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sudanese Revolutionary Awakening Council (SRAC) led by Hilal, the leader of Mahameed tribe. In the meantime an undisclosed tension between Doha and Khartoum was contained during the two days' visit of Sudan's president to Doha. President Omar Al Bashir, discussed a number of issues with his counterpart Emir of Qatar, particularly; the national dialogue in Sudan. Meanwhile, the Sudanese authorities released some political prisoners and kept the others.

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Al Bashir visit to Doha has come in the wake of a visit by the Qatari Foreign Minister Khalid bin Mohammed Al-attiyah to Khartoum, the day before Bashir's visit to Doha. Qatar was frustrated on suspension of the national dialogue with the political forces to resolve the country's problems. The national dialogue crashed following the arrest of Al-sadiq Al-mahdi, the National Umma Party (NUP) leader over his statements about the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), whom he accused of committing crimes against civilians. However, Al-Turabi was said to have talked to Emir of Qatar about the obstacles facing the national dialogue during his visit to Doha recently. Meanwhile, observers described the national dialogue which is sponsored by Qatar; as an attempt to unite the Islamists in Sudan. The Sudanese authorities released each of: Mohamed Salah, Tajelsir Jaafar and Muamar Musa, who were detained last May following their demand of an investigation about the death of a Sudanese student inside the University of Khartoum. Their release has come in the aftermath of a widespread local and international campaign; and also due to the government's pledges to create an appropriate environment to succeed the national dialogue. Although President Al Bashir told the political parties about his pledges to release all political prisoners, some are still in prison, that includes Ibrahim Al- sheikh, the leader of the Sudanese Congress Party (SCP); in addition to others.

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