

New Pyramids Discovered in an Ancient Sudanese Cemetery



Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of more than a dozen small pyramids near the town of Gematon in North Sudan. These are 16 pyramids date back around 2,000 years to a time when Sudan was home to the prosperous kingdom of Kush.

The largest of the pyramids originally measured 10.6 meters across and stood 13 meters high.

The construction of pyramids in relation to the burial of the deceased was quite a common activity among the Kushites all the way up until the fourth century AD. It wasn't just the super wealthy who could afford them either - some of the more modest pyramids were built for the working classes.

Derek Welsby, curator at the British Museum in London and his team have been excavating at the archaeological site in Sudan since 1998. He says of the recent pyramid work, "So far, we've excavated six made out of stone and 10 made out of mud brick."

Wealthy and powerful individuals built some of the pyramids, while people of more modest means built the others, Welsby said. "They're not just the upper-elite burials," he said.

Sudanese Novelist Wins Major Regional Award



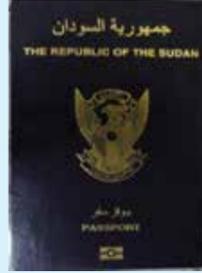
The Sudanese novelist Amir Taj al-Sir is among the five Arab novelists who won the Qatari Arab Novel Award "Katara", the biggest prize of its kind in the Arab world.

Taj al-Sir was awarded the prize, during a ceremony organized in the Qatari capital, for his novel "366" on the category of published novels. Each of the five winners received \$60,000. The other four winners are Waseeni al-Aaraj from Algeria, MS. Muneera Swar from Bahrain, Ms. Nasira al-Saasoun from Iraq and Ibrahim Abdulmajeed from Egypt.

By this prize Taj al-Sir consolidated his status as one of the most distinguished novelists in the Arab region as he wrote more than 15 novels within a relatively short time and his works ranked top sale at book exhibitions in the Arab world capitals. His novels have been translated into many languages preparing him to be known worldwide.

Biometric passports and National ID numbers issued for Sudanese communities in East Africa

In an effort to bring Sudanese community in East Africa in line with international standards in travel document security as well as making the new Sudanese travel document a reliable source of identity, Sudan Embassy in Nairobi received a delegation from the competent authorities in Sudan who came to provide the Sudanese community in Kenya with the biometric passports and National ID numbers. The embassy created for the community and the delegation the conductive service providing environment.



Having finished their mission in Kenya, the delegation also toured Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda to provide the Sudanese communities in these countries with the same services.

"Some 780 biometric passports and 756 National ID Numbers have been executed during the tour" said a consular officer at Sudan Embassy in Nairobi.

The Embassy Celebrates Eid al-Adha

On September 24, 2015, the Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan and the Sudanese Community in Nairobi celebrated Eid al-Adha at Ambassador's residence.

At the gathering, Amb Osama Ahmed Abdul Bari, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. congratulated those present and wished them and their families success. He also expressed his wishes for sustainable peace and stability for Sudan and Kenya.



Embassy bids farewell to two Administrative Staff



On 12 September 2015, the Embassy organized a farewell gathering in honour of Mr. Abdu Al Bashir and Mr. Mubarak Awad, two administrative staff at the Embassy who ended their tenure in Kenya. The farewell was attended by all Embassy staff.

H. E Ambassador Elisadig Abdalla Elias wished them all the very best in their professional and personal endeavors and urges them to continue serving the country with dedication as they did while here.



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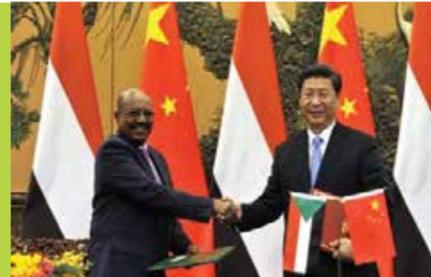
Strengthening bilateral ties: Ugandan President visited Sudan



President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda concluded on Wednesday September 16th a two-day official visit to Sudan where he held talks with President Omar al-Bashir and senior government officials. The talks focused on how the two countries should coordinate efforts in handling regional and international issues as well as finding solutions for the pending issues between Khartoum and Kampala with the view to lead their relations to full normalization. The two sides assigned the joint security committee, which met in Kampala six months ago, to handle all pending security questions. The two sides also agreed to speed up promotion of bilateral relations. Museveni, in a joint press conference the two presidents held at Khartoum airport before his departure, said he was very pleased to visit the country at the invitation of his Sudanese counterpart Bashir. He explained that their talks had dwelt on the situations in South Sudan, ways to implement the recently signed peace agreement between the two warring parties in south Sudan as well as the situations in Syria, Libya, Iraq and Yemen and efforts exerted for settling problems there.

President Bashir Visits China

President Bashir began a four-day visit to China on Monday 01 September at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping to attend celebrations marking the end of World War II. The visit also included extensive talks on bilateral relations with the Chinese government, meeting with Chinese businessmen who are investing in Sudan as well as Sudanese living in China. Sudan News Agency quoted Finance minister, Badr Aldien Mahmoud, as disclosing that the Sudanese delegation had signed more than 10 investment contracts with Chinese companies during the visit.



President Kenyatta holds talks with President Al Basir



President of the Republic of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, stopped over at Khartoum airport on the evening of September 10th on his way back home from Italy. He was received at the airport by his Sudanese counterpart President Al Basir and a number

of ministers and senior government officials. Kenyatta held brief talks with the Sudanese leader during his visit to Khartoum. He told reporters that they discussed bilateral relations and means of bolstering them for the mutual benefit of the two countries. Kenyatta also praised the strong ties between Sudan and Kenya, stressing the need for building solid grounds for cooperation between the two countries on issues of mutual concern.

President Bashir receives official invitation for participating in the Indian-African summit



The President of the Republic, Omar E. Bashir, has received an official invitation from Indian Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to take part in the Indian-African summit meeting. The written message

from the Indian prime Minister was handed by the Special Envoy, State Minister at the Indian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, V. Singh to the President.

The president also discussed with the Indian Envoy the bilateral relations between Sudan and India.

President Bashir issues two decrees on General Amnesty and Ceasefire

The President of the Republic, Omar al Bashir, issued two presidential decrees, one on the General Amnesty for the rebel leaders taking part in the National Dialogue process and another on Ceasefire for two months in the conflict areas. In that announcement the president had said the government was ready to observe a two month ceasefire so that the dialogue would be conducted in a healthy atmosphere and in a patriotic spirit. He also offered General Amnesty to those carrying arms and who are genuinely desirous of taking part in the National Dialogue process.

Vice President Affirms Sudan Support to African Parliament

Vice - President of the Republic, Hassabo Mohamed Abdul-Rahman, has affirmed Sudan support to the Pan-African Parliament and its efforts for the welfare and development of the African nations. This came when the Vice - President received in his office the Deputy Speaker of the African Parliament, Dr. Achber Gayu. The Vice President pledged that Sudan will approve the protocol of the African Parliament this was ratified by the African leaders for combating the challenges facing the African nations. Meanwhile, the Deputy Speaker of the African Parliament affirmed in a press statement rejection to all the forms of targeting against the African leaders by the so-called International Criminal Court (ICC).

Foreign Minister Led Sudan Delegation for the 70th session of UN General Assembly and Sustainable Development Summit

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prof. Ibrahim Ghandour, headed Sudan's delegation for the meetings of the UN General Assembly and the Development Summit. During the nine-day visit, the Foreign Minister held a series of meetings on the sidelines of the General Assembly meetings and the sustainable Development Summit which included meetings with the Foreign Ministers of more than 20 countries to discuss bilateral issues and issues of mutual interest, as well as delivering Sudan's statement to the Assembly. He also met with the US Secretary of State to follow up implementation of the outcome of their recent meeting in Washington and the meetings that were recently held in Khartoum with the envoy of the US President. The Minister also met in New York with the UN Secretary General, Chairman of the African Union Commission, the Arab League's Secretary General, the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Secretary General of the Non-Aligned Movement.



Foreign Minister receives official invitation to visit Norway



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prof Ibrahim Ghandour, has received during his meeting with the Norwegian Ambassador to Sudan, Morten Von, an official invitation from his Norwegian

counterpart to visit Norway in November to review ways of enhancing the relations between Sudan and Norway. The Minister accepted the invitation on fixed date.

Sudan Welcomes Wounded Yemeni and Syrian Refugees



The Vice-President of the Republic, Hassabo Mohammed Abdul Rahman has renewed Sudan welcome to Yemeni citizens who wounded in military operations and Syrian Refugees. This came when he chaired at the Republican Palace a meeting assigned to review the provision of health and medical services for the Yemeni wounded citizens and the Syrian refugees.

The State Minister at the Ministry of Health, Dr. Sumaiya Idriss said in a press statement that the meeting which was attended by the relevant ministries and institutions discussed the situation of the medical services extended for the 397 wounded Yemeni who have been receiving medical treatment in the country's hospitals.

Sudan Calls for Unity of African Women for Confronting Challenges at Great Lakes Region



Sudan has called for the unity of rank and the unity of the African women in confronting the challenges and disputes in Africa, boosting stability and peace and combating all forms of violence against women.

This was expressed in the address given by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Welfare and Social Security, Khadija Abul-Gasim, at the concluding sitting of the steering committee for the Regional Forum for the International Conference of the Great Lakes Organization. Ms Khadija has reiterated the commitment of Sudan and all countries to the enhancement of African women situation and submitting the recommendations of the committee to the ministerial meeting in next January. She renewed Sudan commitment to joint cooperation with the forum at the African level, stressing that the African woman is qualified for leading the issue at the international level.

President Al-Bashir Appreciates Sudanese - Saudi Relations, Especially in Economic Field



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China agrees to enter into new oil and gas projects



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Agreement on Development and Mutual Protection of Investment between Sudan and Turkey Approved



The Ministerial Economic Development Sector, in a meeting chaired by Minister of Industry, Dr Mohammed Yusuf, approved Agreement between Government of Sudan and Turkish Government on Development and Mutual Protection of Investment for year 2015. The Agreement aims to develop and protect investments in away conforms with the laws of the two countries and the international law.

Sudan signs agreement with Russian company on gas liquefaction

The Ministry of oil in Sudan signed a \$70 million agreement on Sunday with Russia's Gazohim Techno for liquefaction of gas produced at Neem field in the west of the country using a process known as gas-to-liquids (GTL). Under the agreement a plant will be constructed to liquefy gas with a capacity of processing 10 million cubic feet of gas per day and convert to petroleum products such as gasoline and diesel at an estimated rate of 100 million tons of fuel per year. The minister of Oil and Gas Mohamed Awad Zayed said during the signing ceremony that the project is economically rewarding, and provides quantities of gas that could be used to generate electricity in addition to gasoline. The head of the Russian company on his part emphasized the economic benefits of the project, stressing that it will be handled according to the highest quality standards in petroleum products. He pledged to work on continuous process improvement and the introduction of modern technologies in addition to training national personnel.

