



Terrorism Monitor

In-Depth Analysis of the War on Terror

VOLUME VIII, ISSUE 20 ♦ MAY 20, 2010



Jaish al-Mahdi

Terrorism Monitor is a publication of The Jamestown Foundation. The Terrorism Monitor is designed to be read by policy-makers and other specialists yet be accessible to the general public. The opinions expressed within are solely those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of The Jamestown Foundation.

Unauthorized reproduction or redistribution of this or any Jamestown publication is strictly prohibited by law.



For comments or questions about our publications, please send an email to pubs@jamestown.org, or contact us at:

1111 16th St. NW, Suite #320
 Washington, DC • 20036
 Tel: (202) 483-8888
 Fax: (202) 483-8337

Copyright ©2009

IN THIS ISSUE:

BRIEFS.....1

THE ASIAN TIGERS -- THE NEW FACE OF THE PUNJABI TALIBAN
 By Arif Jamal.....3

MUQTADA AL-SADR CALLS FOR A NEW ROLE FOR THE JAYSH AL-MAHDI
 MILITIA IN IRAQ
 By Rafid Fadhil Ali.....4

RENEGADE GENERALS THREATEN UNITY OF SOUTH SUDAN'S SPLA AS
 INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM APPROACHES
 By Andrew McGregor.....5

WITH ELECTIONS OVER, KHARTOUM GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE IN DARFUR

The leader of Darfur’s most effective rebel movement, the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), was recently in Cairo seeking greater Egyptian participation in negotiations between JEM and Sudan’s ruling National Congress Party (NCP). Dr. Khalil Ibrahim accuses the Qatar government of showing favoritism to Khartoum in its role as mediator in the on again, off again Doha negotiations.

While Khalil Ibrahim was in Cairo, the Sudan government sought to embarrass his hosts by making a public request for Interpol to arrest the Egyptian government’s guest. Sudanese Justice Minister Abdul Bassit Sabdarat announced he had asked Interpol to “arrest” Ibrahim “wherever he is located,” although the Justice Minister must have been aware that Interpol facilitates international law enforcement cooperation but does not make arrests (Sudanese Media Center, May 10). The statement was designed solely to express Khartoum’s displeasure with Khalil’s presence in Cairo; Khartoum had previously requested Interpol’s assistance in detaining the JEM leader in 2006 and 2008 (*Sudan Tribune*, June 11, 2008). Khalil Ibrahim is also already on Interpol’s list of fugitives wanted on charges of terrorism laid by the Sudan government. [1] The JEM leader mocked the arrest request in an interview with a pan-Arab daily, asking why Sudanese police don’t arrest him while he is in Sudan (*Al-Sharq al-Awsat*, May 13).

