

# Sudan, rebel group agree to share oil revenues

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NAIROBI, Kenya — The Sudanese government and southern rebels agreed on how to share the country's wealth, including oil revenues, solving a key issue and taking a major step toward ending their 20-year conflict, mediators and delegates said Tuesday.

The government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army agreed to split net oil revenue from southern Sudan 50-50 during a six-year transition period, said rebel spokesman Samson Kwaje.

The struggle for resources -

particularly the country's oil reserves, which are located mainly in the south — has been one of the main issues in Africa's longest-running war, in which more than 2 million people have perished, mainly through war-induced famine.

"It's a big breakthrough because oil has been at the center of the fighting," Kwaje told The Associated Press. "It's a very important piece of the agreement."

Sudanese officials confirmed that an agreement had been reached, but declined to comment.

The agreement would also set up a monetary system

allowing for Islamic banking in the north and Western banking in the south and introduce a new national currency. Currently, all Sudan's major banks are run under Islamic law, which forbids most forms of interest.

Sudan's civil war erupted in 1983 when southern rebels took up arms against the predominantly Arab and Muslim north. The rebels say they are fighting for greater equality for the south and for southerners to have the right to choose whether to remain part of Sudan.

Africa's largest country joined the ranks of oil

exporters in 1999 and is currently producing some 250,000 barrels per day. When Sudan began pumping oil, the rebels and international human rights groups accused the Sudanese government of forcing tens of thousands of southern villagers to flee the oil region.

In July 2002, shortly after the peace process began, the parties agreed to a six-year transition period during which the south will have a regional administration. After that period, southerners will vote in a referendum on whether to secede.

Two key issues remain in

the peace talks: the administration of three disputed areas in central Sudan and power-sharing, which includes the rebel group's representation in a government, National Assembly and civil service during the transition period.

Chief mediator Lazaro Sumbeiywo said the wealth sharing deal was a major breakthrough, but cautioned: "The journey is on, but we have not reached the

destination." Peace talks are being held in the Kenyan town of Naivasha, 60 miles northwest of Nairobi.

Under the wealth-sharing agreement, which is expected to be signed Wednesday, the warring parties agreed that non-oil revenue from the south will also be split 50-50, while all northern revenue will be distributed to northern states and the national government, Kwaje said.

# S.C. NAACP gives Democrats a pass on boycott

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — When the political whirlwind dies down after South Carolina's Democratic presidential primary on Feb. 3, the state chapter of the NAACP has a message for visitors: "Don't come back."

The civil rights group continues to push its economic boycott of the state and wants all tourists and businesses to stay away until the Confederate flag is removed from Statehouse grounds.

But the field of White House hopefuls have been given a temporary reprieve from the sanctions as they bring an entourage of campaign staff and media and spend thousands of dollars on advertisements, travel and food leading up to the state's first-in-the-South primary.

"A presidential candidate is trying to win a national office, and we understand they are going to be coming into South Carolina," state chapter president James

Gallman said. "They have made it known they are not in defiance of the sanctions. They have made it known that they believe strongly that the Confederate flag should not be placed in its current location."

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman each stay in private homes during every visit to the state to honor the NAACP's

boycott. A spokeswoman for Dick Gephardt said the Missouri congressman agrees with the goals and principles of the boycott but chooses to stay in hotels to support the

workers of the state. The Rev. Joe Darby, vice president of the state NAACP chapter, said he understands it's logistically impossible at times for campaigns to stay with supporters. "Some of them may not

have a friend in South Carolina," he said.

But when their campaigns are over in South Carolina, he won't hang out the welcome sign. "Don't come back down for pleasure," Darby said.



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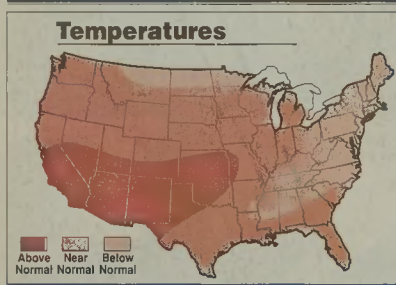
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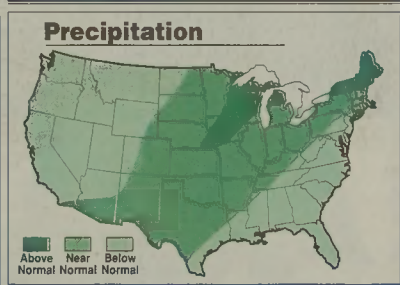
### LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy and cold.	A shower.	Messy.	Mostly cloudy.	Partial sunshine.	Increasing cloudiness.	Mostly sunny and cold.	Partly sunny and cold.
38	26	40/28	46/28	48/28	56/30	41/22	41/25

### THE WEEK AHEAD



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### U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	38	32	c	44	32	c	50	34	pc	52	36	s	59	31	pc
Boston	18	8	s	16	8	c	20	12	s	26	16	pc	36	22	c
Chicago	26	18	c	28	20	pc	32	24	pc	34	24	c	27	9	c
Cleveland	22	18	c	25	18	c	26	24	pc	36	26	c	30	10	c
Danver	51	20	pc	54	24	s	50	22	pc	44	21	c	45	25	pc
Des Moines	30	20	c	37	23	pc	39	27	pc	35	19	c	29	10	pc
Detroit	24	16	c	24	18	pc	28	20	pc	32	24	i	29	10	c
Houston	54	42	c	64	46	pc	66	40	pc	62	40	pc	62	38	pc
Indianapolis	29	22	c	33	20	pc	35	26	s	42	26	c	33	11	c
Kansas City	40	26	c	44	29	pc	49	32	pc	42	24	c	39	21	pc
Los Angeles	70	48	pc	70	50	pc	72	50	s	72	48	s	72	53	s
Miami	74	63	c	74	58	c	73	60	pc	74	60	pc	76	58	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	23	14	c	27	17	pc	34	24	c	28	12	c	18	-1	c
New Orleans	61	44	c	58	39	pc	58	42	s	64	47	s	62	36	c
New York City	25	19	s	24	20	c	26	25	s	33	31	pc	41	23	c
Omaha	38	20	pc	40	22	pc	44	26	pc	37	19	c	32	13	pc
Phoenix	72	49	s	78	49	s	77	49	s	76	46	s	72	46	s
San Francisco	60	48	c	58	48	c	58	48	pc	59	48	c	56	42	c
Seattle	52	42	r	50	40	r	48	38	pc	51	39	c	48	38	c
Washington	30	22	pc	26	20	c	32	22	s	38	26	pc	46	21	c

### THE NATIONAL SUMMARY

A ridge of high pressure will keep much of the West dry during the period. Storms will track through the northern Plains and into the Great Lakes. Cold air will continue to dominate the East, although it will not be as harsh as recent days. Much of the Southeast will have a period of dry weather.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, Hico.

### WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	43	37	r	41	37	c	49	42	pc	43	37	pc	42	34	c
Berlin	37	28	c	32	30	sn	41	34	sn	42	32	r	38	31	c
Buenos Aires	83	64	pc	87	68	s	79	57	pc	81	59	s	85	62	s
Cairo	53	36	pc	60	40	pc	62	40	pc	56	38	c	63	44	pc
Jerusalem	42	29	c	50	35	pc	53	38	pc	51	32	pc	47	36	c
Johannesburg	78	55	r	80	59	pc	79	56	c	74	52	c	73	54	r
London	48	38	r	46	45	pc	55	40	c	43	37	sh	44	39	c
Madrid	54	43	r	58	46	pc	59	45	pc	56	39	pc	54	44	pc
Mexico City	68	43	s	64	40	c	64	39	pc	68	44	s	70	43	pc
Moscow	10	-2	sf	13	0	c	12	0	c	11	3	sn	19	10	c
Paris	42	32	r	45	41	c	50	41	sh	42	29	c	39	38	c
Rio de Janeiro	80	67	r	77	66	r	77	69	t	82	71	c	78	65	r
Rome	50	38	c	49	41	pc	58	46	pc	62	45	pc	50	36	c
San Juan	83	71	pc	83	72	s	85	72	s	83	71	s	81	70	c
Seoul	37	19	s	37	21	c	28	11	s	27	9	pc	28	17	pc
Sydney	81	58	pc	75	58	s	81	66	s	82	59	c	76	63	r
Tokyo	38	28	s	41	35	pc	48	34	pc	39	27	s	39	29	pc
Toronto	17	9	s	15	13	c	19	19	pc	30	19	sn	24	1	sn
Winnipeg	7	-1	sn	16	9	c	20	3	c	12	-6	c	12	-7	pc
Zurich	42	34	c	39	36	c	45	41	pc	45	30	pc	36	33	sn

### SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu., Jan. 8	7:33 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 9	7:32 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 10	7:32 a.m.	5:29 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 11	7:32 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 12	7:32 a.m.	5:31 p.m.
Tue., Jan. 13	7:32 a.m.	5:32 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 14	7:32 a.m.	5:33 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonsset
Thu., Jan. 8	6:24 p.m.	8:35 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 9	7:27 p.m.	9:15 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 10	8:30 p.m.	9:50 a.m.

Moon Phases			
Full	Last	New	First
Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 29

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