

***El Ayam* newspaper gagged in Sudan capital**

Members of the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) confiscated the entire print-run of *El Ayam* daily newspaper in Khartoum in the early hours of Sunday.



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No reasons were provided, editor-in-chief Mahjoub Mohamed Salih, told Radio Dabanga.

Salih, who founded the newspaper in 1953, said that an article published previously could be the reason.

"The confiscation on Sunday may have been just a punishment by the security apparatus, causing financial losses to *El Ayam*, as we have to pay for the printing press.

"Confiscating print-runs also means a violation of the freedom of publication and expression stipulated by a number of Sudanese laws and the 2005 Interim Constitution, but the NISS clearly stands above the law," he commented.

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