U.S. Boosts Effort to Keep Sudan Opposition Intact
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The U.S. is stepping up its efforts to hold Sudan's opposition together, amid an increasingly successful push by the Sudan regime to make peace with its exiled opposition leaders. The U.S. State Department sent a representative to a crucial opposition-group summit that started Tuesday in Kampala, Uganda.

U.S. officials also have invited the opposition to meet in Washington as a group for the first time, opposition figures say. The State Department wouldn't comment on that. Also, the U.S. is now pushing for regional peace talks to include opposition groups from mostly Muslim northern Sudan as well as the southern-based Sudan People's Liberation Army.