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Sudan Celebration of the OPCW 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
2 May 2017, Khartoum

Sudan's National Authority for the Prohibition of Chemical weapons (**SNAPCW**) held a Ceremony on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the entry into force of the CWC and the founding of the OPCW. **SNAPCW** Board - consists of related entities - launched the ceremony during its meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 27 April 2017. Board member Ambassador Sediq Abd Al Azez made statement on the occasion reviewed the great roles played by the CWC, the values and objectives it calls for, the achievements of the OPCW and the most importance of which is the destruction of more than 95% of the declared stockpiles of chemical weapons. The statement also reflects Sudan's contribution to achieve the universality of the CWC and its active participation in the activities of the OPCW.



**SNAPCW Board Meeting, 27 April 2017**

The celebration was then continued at the University of Ribat in Khartoum, on 2 May 2017, where events were organized in partnership with the Faculty of Environmental Studies and Disaster Management.



Side of the celebration

During the day, a number of activities were organized to explain the CWC, and the marks of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 29 April 2017. The activities ranged from a discussion session with university professors to an exhibition of personal protective equipment (PPE) and chemical agents detectors.



Side of the celebration

A lecture was presented to raise awareness about the dangerous of chemical weapons and chemicals in general, attended by a large number of professors, university staff and students.

In his speech at the celebration, the **SNAPCW** Director General stressed that there are two basic principles that distinguish and emphasize the unique approach of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the multilateral nature and the equal application of its provisions to all states parties. This achievement is the result of a global endeavor - involving nations, chemical industries, scientists and civil societies - that has resulted in the development and enforcement of the most successful international disarmament treaty in the world that eliminates a whole category of weapons of mass destruction.

For its great efforts to eliminate chemical weapons, OPCW awarded Nobel Peace Prize 2013. Only one day passes the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) undertaking activities that has a positive impact on the lives of millions of people. Over the past 20 years, almost 95% of the chemical weapons stockpiles declared by the states have been destroyed. The ceremony ended with a concert.



**(SNAPCW)** Decided to dedicate the next issue of its periodic magazine "**Al Zaj Al Alabyad**", which is expected to be issued in the beginning of June 2017, to mark the twentieth anniversary of the entry into force of the CWC and the establishment of the OPCW.

