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KHARTOUM (Reuters) - Rebels in Sudan's Darfur region and troubled southern border states said November 12 they formed an alliance to topple the government of President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, raising the prospect of more violence in the volatile areas.

Darfur's main rebel groups -- the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) -- and the SPLM-N, which fights the army in South Kordofan and Blue Nile, said they had formed a political and military alliance.

The alliance is focused on "toppling the regime of the (Sudan's ruling) National Congress Party with all possible means" and replace it with a democratic system, the groups said in a joint statement sent to Reuters on Saturday.

A joint military committee will be formed to coordinate military action against Khartoum, it said, without elaborating.

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