**Says it won’t allow oil to pass through its territory, owing to disputes over payment of transfer fees**

Sudan suspended South Sudanese oil exports through its territory owing to dispute over transfer fees, the former’s oil minister Ali Ahmad Osman announced on Monday.

Osman said that the exports had been halted since November 17. “The South Sudanese government has not paid $US727 mn, the pending amount since October,” Osman said.

He added that Sudan will not allow any oil or petroleum to pass through unless they abided by the written agreement between the two states.

This is the second time that Khartoum has imposed such a ban on Southern oil exports since August.

The minister said, “After the independence of South Sudan, we allowed them to export oil via Sudan and asked them to pay the port of export duties and other expenses and this is what they agreed on.”