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## **Al-Bashir addresses Arab Summit**

Speaking at the closing session of the Arab Summit being held in Doha, Sudanese president Omer Al-Bashir expressed his thanks and appreciation to Qatar for hosting the summit. Al-Bashir lauded the unanimous stance of the Arab states towards rejecting the “unjust decision” of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to indict the Sudanese president. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Sudan News Agency*)

## **Taha receives delegation of Arab Parliament**

Sudanese Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha received an Arab Parliamentary delegation on Monday at the Secretariat General of the Council of Ministers. During the meeting, Taha called on Arab, African and Islamic parliamentary institutions “to play an effective role in counteracting all forms of new colonialism that target developing countries to undermine their unity and independence and control their resources.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Sudani*)

## **Russia: Al-Bashir warrant to be revoked by ICC**

Mikhail Margelov, Russia’s Special Representative to Sudan, told reporters from *RIA Novosti* that he “expects the ICC to revoke its decision to arrest Al-Bashir, given the amount of protest against the ICC decision.” Margelov also said that “some believe that the show of solidarity of Arab countries, who have protested against the court’s decision, could influence the ICC and that the warrant will be revoked, even though there is nothing in the rules of this organization that would allow for this.” Margelov alleged that “the arrest warrant is only harming peace processes in the Arab world and adding tensions to East-West relations.” (*Al-Sudani*)

## **Harir to mediate between JEM commanders**

Yesterday, Sharif Harir, of the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA)-Unity faction, arrived in Chad to “patch up” disputes between Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) field commanders. During the visit, Harir met with JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim to “discuss the military and political situation” and “the importance of taking necessary steps to unite the movement.” (*Sudanese Media Centre, Al-Watan*)

## **80% of humanitarian aid from national NGOs**

Speaking at a press conference, Ibrahim Ahmed Ibrahim, the Executive Director for the Standing Committee Of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA), stated that the expulsion of aid organizations from Sudan has “created a serious threat to the humanitarian situation” but also claimed that “national aid organizations currently cover nearly 80% of the humanitarian gap that resulted from the expulsion.” (*Al-Watan*)

## **Umma Party member calls for press forum**

Speaking at a press conference, Mohammed Abdallah Al-Duma, a member of the Umma National Party, called for a forum “to discuss press freedom and the current press act,” adding that “press is a major tool for pushing democratic transformation forward and conducting transparent elections.” (*Al-Sudani*)

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