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Germany “ready to promote peace in Darfur”

- The German government has expressed its “readiness to contribute positively toward boosting peace” as well as the humanitarian situation in Darfur. Sudanese Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin received the State Minister of the German Federal Foreign Office, Gernot Erler, at his office on Monday. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Ayam*)

- Ali Al-Sadig, the Spokesperson of the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told reporters in a press conference that the purpose of the four-day visit of the German envoy has to do with Germany’s concern with “current issues” in Sudan. Al-Sadig also said that Erlor met with Ali Karti, the Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs, who told the German envoy to advise France to “stop adopting double standards by providing support to armed movements in Darfur.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

NUP rejects surrendering Al-Bashir to the ICC

Speaking at a public rally in Dongola, the Chairperson of the National Umma Party (NUP), Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi, reaffirmed his Party’s rejection of the International Criminal Court (ICC)’s allegations against Sudanese President Al-Bashir. Al-Mahdi said “it is impossible for Sudan to surrender its president to the ICC.” He furthermore warned against “foreign intervention” in Sudan’s domestic affairs. (*Al-Khartoum*)

UNAMID will stay “even if ICC issues warrant”

UNAMID’s Joint Special Representative, Rodolphe Adada, has said that the Mission will not leave Darfur “even if the ICC issues an arrest warrant against President Al-Bashir.” (*Radio MirayaFM*)

SLM/Nur “asks Israel for military support”

Abdul Wahid Nur, the leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Abdulwahid faction “has met with security officials in Israel to request military support for his forces in Darfur.” According to “published reports on CNN,” Al-Nur “met with Israeli defense officials during his recent trip to Israel this month.” (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Khartoum*)

GOSS asks Uganda to pressure Khartoum

The Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) has asked Uganda to “use its position on the Commission of the African Union, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and the United Nations Security Council” to put pressure on Khartoum to implement the pending stipulations of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

Efforts to analyze the national census continue

The chairperson of the committee charged with monitoring the national census, Abdel Bagi Al-Jelani, has announced that they have “completed the technical part of the third round of the census” and have “organized and analyzed the information.” Jelani added that “inaccessible areas like Halaib, Southern Sudan and some parts of Darfur will be sorted out by technical estimation.” (*Radio MirayaFM*)

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