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Emergency session held by Ministerial Cabinet

The Ministerial Cabinet, headed by President Al Bashir, was expected to hold an emergency session today to discuss the government's stance towards the allegations of the ICC court. The meeting will be attended by all the ministers and leaders of the political parties (*Al-Wihda, Al-Sudani, et al*)

GoS not intimidated by Ocampo's threats

According to *Akher Lahza* yesterday, the government of Sudan has described the allegations of the ICC prosecutor, Luis-Moreno Ocampo, against senior Sudanese government officials, including President Al Bashir, as dangerous and would lead to political and security disturbances in the entire region. "We shall not be intimidated by Ocampo's threats", said Gutbi Al Mahdi, leading member of the NCP. Al Mahdi mentioned that Sudan was not a member of the ICC and therefore was not under its jurisdiction.

Arab League to hold extraordinary meeting

Sudan has called on the Foreign Ministers of the Arab League to hold an emergency session regarding the impending warrant by the ICC to indict President Al Bashir. Abdelmoneim Mabrouk, Sudan's Ambassador to Egypt and Permanent envoy to the Arab League, mentioned that the accusations of the ICC served political purposes rather than justice and that this demonstrated the double standards of the ICC. He said that will eventually lead to instability in Sudan. He further called on the international community to end the movement describing it as detrimental to the peace process in Darfur. (*Al-Wihda, Sudan Vision, et al*)

Political parties denounce ICC accusations

Political parties and organizations denounced the ICC allegations against President Al Bashir, stating the arrest warrant was a violation of the national sovereignty and hindered Sudan's interests. (*Al-Ayyam, Al-Watan, Sudan Vision*)

AU rejects warrants against African leaders

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union rejected the attempts of the ICC to indict President Al Bashir and said it would not extradite any African head of state in accordance with resolutions made at the 11th Summit of the African Union. It affirmed the importance of encouraging political reconciliation and settlement in Darfur rather than resorting to such procedures. (*Al-Wihda, Sudan Vision*)

Abyei Arbitration Agreement

The Permanent Court for Arbitration in The Hague officially assumed the mission of implementation of the Abyei Arbitration Agreement submitted by the representatives of SPLA and the NCP, who expressed their hope that the Court would carry out its assignment in a timely manner. Meanwhile, the Court assured the two parties that it would conduct the assignment with transparency and professionalism in order to promote the peace process in Sudan. (*Al-Intibaha, Sudan Vision, et al*)

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