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UNAMID denies evacuation of troops in Darfur

Ramadan Al Amamra, envoy to the AU Peace and Security Council, has denied that UNAMID was withdrawing troops from Darfur. He affirmed the AU's support to the peace process in Darfur and said that it would deploy 80% of UNAMID forces over the coming few months. The President in turn commended the AU and its joint mission for its peacekeeping efforts and guaranteed protection of UNAMID troops from any possible armed attacks. (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Sudani, Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Bush says "situation in Darfur is complicated"

According to a report in *Al Sahafa*, President Bush expressed deep concerns over the worsening situation in Darfur and its impact on the peace process, and stressed the US role in resolving the crisis. "We are trying to work with Darfur rebels in order to reach a unified consensus," he said. The U.S. also supports the UN's role in working with the Sudanese government to deploy more UNAMID troops to promote stability in the region, he said.

U.S. has nothing to do with ICC allegations

U.S. Charge d'Affaires Alberto Fernandez, told the press after a meeting with First Vice President Salva Kiir on Tuesday that the United States is not a party to the ICC and has nothing to do with the steps taken by the ICC Chief Prosecutor against President Bashir. He denied that his meeting with Kiir had anything to do with the ICC and affirmed that the meeting covered bilateral relations and the CPA's implementation. (*Akhir Lahza*)

Sudan draft resolution to Arab League

An Arab League source said the League is setting up an emergency plan to deal with the arrest

warrant of President Bashir through diplomatic and political channels. The source explained that a memorandum is being issued on the crisis and will be submitted to the foreign ministers to address the issue. In the meantime, the source also mentioned that Sudan intended to submit a draft resolution on how to handle the crisis in order to secure Arab support on its position. (*Sudan Vision*)

China and Egypt concerned over ICC issue

Liu Jianchao, China's foreign minister, said yesterday that he has deep concerns regarding the ICC decision to seek an arrest warrant against President Bashir. He stated that the ICC's action should be beneficial to the stability of the region. Liu rejected a BBC report that claimed Chinese-manufactured arms found their way to government forces in Darfur and said that the West's supply of arms to rebels in Darfur is where the real problem lies. Meanwhile, Egyptian President Mubarak warned the UN Secretary-General of the outcome of the arrest and its negative impact on the CPA. (*Al-Ahdath, Agras Al-Hurria*)

Ocampo's demands not surprising

An editorial in the *Sudan Vision* mentioned that International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor Luis-Moreno Ocampo's demand for an arrest warrant for President Bashir was not surprising. The newspaper views Ocampo's attempt as part of a plot to overthrow the Sudanese regime and to serve Western ambitions. The paper described the US, France and Great Britain as the "Evil Triangle in the World."

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