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Outcome of Arab Foreign Ministers meeting

In a meeting with President Al-Bashir yesterday, Arab League Secretary General Amr Musa informed the President about the outcome of the Arab Foreign Ministers meeting in Cairo this past weekend. Musa stressed that the Arab League will do its best to resolve the current crisis in Sudan and to boost peace and stability in Sudan. Musa also told Al-Bashir about his contacts with the UN, the AU, and other international figures. (*Rai Al-Shaab, Al-Wahda, Sudan Vision, et al*)

GoS urges US to take clear stance towards ICC

Sudan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ali Karti said in a statement to the press that he had conveyed the position of the Sudanese government regarding the International Criminal Court's accusations to U.S. Charge' d'Affaires Alberto Fernandez during their meeting yesterday. Karti said he urged a clear stance from the US administration on the ICC. Karti explained that Sudan understood that the US had given top priority to the situation and the importance of implementing the peace agreements in Sudan. The Charge' told the press that his talks with the State Minister were constructive and positive. He explained that they wanted to focus on the future and to make tangible progress in Darfur through dialogue with Sudan, the UN, and the international community. (*Al-Wihda, Akher Lahza, SUNA, et al*)

Sudan request Russia's involvement in ICC issue

Deng Alak, Sudanese Ambassador to Moscow, has requested Russia to exercise its power and influence on the UN Security Council to assist in the reconciliation process and in resolving the ICC crisis which has cast a dark shadow on the Sudan. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

President Al-Bashir in South and North Darfur

President Omar Al-Bashir plans to visit Darfur on Wednesday. Ali Mohamoud, South Darfur governor, told reporters that the visit would prove that ICC Chief Prosecutor Ocampo's accusations against the President were erroneous and will confirm the unity among Sudanese. During the visit, the President is expected to inaugurate a number of development projects; including the Nyala electricity project and a number of secondary schools. Yesterday, South Darfur witnessed huge demonstrations led by Fur and Zaghawa dignitaries, pledging that they would oppose Ocampo's allegations. (*Akher Lahza*)

Administrative tribunal discredits Ocampo

According to the Sudanese Embassy in London, the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labor Organization issued a ruling last month against ICC prosecutor Ocampo, who was accused of sexual misconduct by a former aide. The Sudanese Embassy added that the tribunal described Ocampo as being "unqualified" and asked him to resign from his post. Dr. Khalid Al-Mubarak, the Embassy's Information and Media attaché, said in a press conference the day before yesterday that Ocampo's charges against Al-Bashir at this particular time was an attempt to steer attention away from Ocampo's own personal scandal. (*Akher Lahza*)

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