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AU resumes attempts to resolve ICC crisis

The AU will ask the UN Security Council to defer action for a year on the indictment of President Al-Bashir. “We are asking for the ICC indictment to be deferred to give peace a chance,” said Nigeria’s foreign minister Ojo Maduekwe yesterday. The Russian Ambassador to the UN said the Security Council should seriously consider this request. (*Wire services*)

China may veto ICC decision

Yesterday, Sudan’s Foreign Minister of State Al-Sammani Al-Wasila told reporters at a press conference that China had voiced its support to Sudan and would resist any attempts to arrest President Al-Bashir by exercising its right at the UN Peace and Security Council to veto the decision. He added that the Arab League had set up a plan to confront the crisis and would raise its recommendations at the UN Security Council, arguing that the ICC prosecutor’s allegations were groundless. “The new political trend is to rule the world from the White House,” he said. (*Al-Intibaha, Rai Al-Shaab*)

Nafie meets with Qatari heir apparent

Yesterday, Dr Nafie Ali Nafie, Assistant to President Al-Bashir, met with the Qatari heir apparent to discuss the recent developments in Sudan and to secure Qatar’s position on the International Criminal Court (ICC) allegations made against Al-Bashir. Nafie stressed that Qatar plays a major regional role especially within the Arab League. (*Akher Lahza, The Citizen*)

France wants to help Sudan overcome ICC crisis

According to an article in *Al Sahafa*, France has said that it hopes Khartoum will overcome its current tiff with the International Criminal Court and asserted the need for the Sudanese government to cooperate with the court. Ahmed Al Faki, the Sudanese Ambassador to France, told reporters that the Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor had met with his French counterpart, Bernard Kouchner, in a closed meeting. Kouchner was expected to convey France’s position in assisting Sudan in resolving the crisis.

Agar warns of return to armed uprising

The Governor of Blue Nile State, Malik Agar, warned in a forum held in Al-Damazin yesterday, that if the government didn’t step up its efforts to boost development projects in the region it would result in an armed uprising. He added that the federal government’s financial contribution Blue Nile State was only 6% of what was supposed to be allocated. (*Al-Sahafa, Al- Intibaha, Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

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