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Sudan has no intention to expel UNAMID

Mutrif Sidiq, undersecretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, confirmed to the Sudanese Media Center that the Sudanese government appreciated the efforts being made by the UNAMID peacekeeping forces and had no intention of expelling them from Darfur since they were not involved in the ICC accusations against President Al-Bashir. "The President's visit to the mission in Darfur confirms this," he said. He added that the government had no intention to hinder these efforts and reiterated Khartoum's commitment towards protecting the peacekeepers and ensuring their safety. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Wifaq, Al-Watan*)

SPLM proposes road map for Darfur crisis

The Sudanese People's Liberation Movement has proposed a road map to resolve the Darfur crisis and the ICC accusations against President Al-Bashir. The details of the proposal will be discussed at the next meeting between Al-Bashir and First Vice President (and SPLM leader) Salva Kiir. The details of the proposal have not yet been disclosed but the SPLM meeting concluded its meeting by asserting the importance of the Sudanese government's cooperation with the ICC to ensure stability in the region. (*Al-Ahdath*)

US backs Rwandan general's work in Darfur

On July 24, U.S. Department of State spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos said at the daily press briefing that the United States supports Rwandan Major General Karenzi Karake, the Deputy UNAMID Force Commander. Gen. Karake was indicted for war crimes by a judge in Spain. Gallegos said that the United States previously examined allegations against Gen. Karake and found no reason to oppose the renewal of his contract. He added that it was

within the interest of UNAMID to continue Gen. Karake's services given his strong performance record. "Bringing peace to Darfur is the priority for the international community and the United Nations. We're deeply concerned about the deteriorating situation in Darfur," said Gallegos, who was responding to a question about the threatened withdrawal of four Rwandan battalions from UNAMID if the general were forced to leave his post. (*Akher Lahza, Al-Wihda*)

UN debate over withdrawal of ICC accusation

The African-Caribbean-Pacific group forwarded a proposal to the UN Security Council calling on the ICC to withdraw its allegations against President Al-Bashir and to continue the efforts of the UNAMID in Darfur. The proposal created debate within the Security Council, and was strongly opposed by France and Britain. The Council will vote on the issue on July 31. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Sudan Vision*)

Joint forces start deployment in Abyei

Yesterday, Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) withdrew the last of their troops from Abyei and were replaced by troops from the Joint Integrated Unit, who have started their deployment in Abyei as part of efforts to implement the Abyei Road Map Agreement. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

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