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DPA unaffected by Minnawi absence

Dr. Rayeh Mahmoud, Deputy Chairman of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM/Minnawi faction) said in a press statement yesterday that the absence of the Senior Presidential Assistant Mini Minnawi from the SLMA will not affect the Darfur Peace Agreement. He added that Minnawi's decision to remain in Darfur was personal and did not represent SLM's position. Dr. Mahmoud called for establishment of a strong mechanism to implement the DPA, stating that an agreement without a mechanism cannot be implemented. (*Al-Watan, Al-Ayyam, et al*)

Sudan seeks support of International Court

The legislative and justice committee of Sudan's parliament has revealed it will seek the support of the International Court of Justice regarding the involvement of the UN Security Council in raising the issue of the indictment of President Al-Bashir with the International Criminal Court (ICC). Meanwhile, the Sudanese National Commission for Judicial Services is forming a committee to look into the allegations made by the ICC and to draft a legal response refuting the allegations. Badria Sulaiman, chairperson of the parliamentary committee, said that the ICC had no right to issue a warrant for the arrest of Al-Bashir as Sudan is not a member of the ICC and the allegations were not based on concrete evidence. She went on to say that the United States had played the role of international watchdog with the help of Britain and France. (*Al-Ayyam*)

Coalition of aid groups criticizes UNAMID

A coalition of aid agencies strongly criticized the AU-UN mission in Darfur (UNAMID) for not meeting its peacekeeping objectives in Darfur. The

coalition said UNAMID was unable to protect civilians since it wasn't fully prepared to fend off recent attacks, and it was understaffed. The group also noted that UNAMID needed essential equipment, such as armored vehicles and helicopters. (*Al-Wifaq, Al-Sahafa*)

Armed forces kill 4 SLM/Minnawi rebels

Yesterday, a patrol from the Sudanese Armed Forces said that it was confronted by rebels from the SLM/Mini Minnawi faction as it was on its way to Nyala. The patrol retaliated by killing four and injuring two SLM rebels. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Alliance to unseat Sudanese president

An article in *The Citizen* mentioned that Eritrean-backed ex-rebels have agreed on an electoral alliance with former southern rebels to unseat the present regime. The ex-rebels have agreed to back candidates supported by the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in Eastern Sudan. The Chairman of the Beja Conference Osman Musa Bawanin said that a memorandum of understanding had been drafted. "The Beja conference will actually support the SPLM for the presidency," said Bawanin. The announcement came just as the ex-rebels were meeting with their southern counterparts in Juba.

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