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UNAMID to renew its mandate in Darfur

The U.N. Security Council is set to renew a mandate for peacekeepers in Darfur today after its meeting on Monday to discuss the draft resolution proposed by Britain. The members are expected to reach a unanimous decision regarding the draft. Council members have been divided over the issue of including a provision proposed by Libya and South Africa to halt the ICC action as part of the resolution to extend the mandate of the hybrid forces (UNAMID) in Darfur. The British deputy envoy, Karen Beris, argued that the two issues should be kept separate. The members are expected to reach a unanimous consensus decision on the draft today. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Agras-Al-Hurria*)

SPLM requests amnesty for rebels

The Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) appealed the Government of Sudan to issue an amnesty for the rebels involved in the Omdurman attacks, who were sentenced to death by the Omdurman Criminal Court the day before yesterday. The appeal came during SPLM's 3rd anniversary celebration which was held yesterday in Khartoum to commemorate the late SPLM leader John Garang De Mabior. Yasir Arman, the movement's official spokesperson said the gesture would boost the current initiative to reconcile and unite all the political forces in Sudan. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Khartoum*)

France denies submitting proposal to Khartoum

France denied that it had submitted any proposals to the Sudanese Foreign Minister Alor Deng, on the current ICC issue.

Eric Chevalier, a spokesperson from the French Foreign Ministry told reporters from the Italian News Agency, that France's position remained the same and that it was necessary for Khartoum to cooperate with the ICC regarding the previous warrants issued against Ahmed Haroun, Minister of State for Humanitarian Affairs and Ali Kushayb. The French spokesperson reiterated his country's position towards the crisis and said that it was looking forward to a comprehensive solution. He added that the issue was currently being considered through political dialogue and steps to promote the humanitarian conditions in Darfur. (*Akher Lahza, Al-Ayam*)

Mubarak and Mbeki support Al-Bashir

The Egyptian President, Hosni Mubarak and his South African counterpart, Thabo Mbeki expressed their rejection of the possible indictment of the Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir. Their statements came in a press conference held in Pretoria on July 29. "It is not appropriate to take a President to court," said Mubarak, adding that both countries were making efforts to resolve the crisis. For his part, Mbeki said that it was most important for Sudan to implement agreements to achieve peace in the region. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Khartoum Monitor*)

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