



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **AU Commission in talks with Al-Bashir today**

African Union Commission Chairman Jean Ping and Security Commissioner Ramadan Lamamra are expected in Sudan today for talks with President Omar Al-Bashir and other top officials to discuss the latest developments around the International Criminal Court issue and the possible arrest warrant of Al-Bashir. They also hope to facilitate the implementation of the decisions reached by the UN Security Council after last week's renewal of the UNAMID mandate in Darfur. (*Al-Khartoum, Al-Ayam, Al-Sahafa, et al*)

### **No trial for Haroun "without evidence"**

The Sudanese Minister of Justice Abdelbasit Sabdrat told *Al-Rai Al-Aam* that Sudanese courts would not try Ahmed Haroun, the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, based on the allegations made by the International Criminal Court Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo. The ICC prosecutor accused Haroun of committing war crimes in Darfur. Sabdrat said he would not allow Haroun to be tried in Sudan without solid evidence or a complaint being filed against him.

### **Initiative to solve Darfur crisis**

The National Democratic Alliance and the Abuja signatories agreed on an initiative to solve the current crisis in Darfur. Five committees will be formed to implement the initiative, which calls for the creation of an agenda to boost the peace process by including the people of Darfur, all the political forces, and the Abuja non-signatories. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Wifaq, Al-Watan*)

### **El-Mirghani meets with Eritrean President**

The leader of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Democratic Unionist Party, Mohammed Osman Al-Merghani, met with Eritrean President Afewerki to discuss the latest developments in the Sudanese political arena. Al-Mirghani briefed Afewerki on the results of the NDA's meetings with other political parties in Sudan. He informed him of the NDA's initiative to reach a comprehensive consensus for national unification. Afewerki assured Al-Mirghani of his support, emphasizing the need to solve the political crisis in Sudan by involving all the political forces in Sudan. (*Al-Ayam, Al-Wifaq*)

### **Al-Mahdi calls for regional conference**

Umma Party Leader, Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi, requested Libya help convene a regional security conference to defuse the current tension between Sudan and Chad. The request came during a meeting with Libyan presidential envoy, Dr. Abdel Salam Al-Triki, who is currently visiting Sudan. Al-Sadig explained to the Libyan envoy that a regional security summit between Sudan and its neighbors would be a favorable gesture towards normalizing its bilateral relations with Chad. Al-Triki assured Al-Mahdi of Libya's commitment to resolve the current standoff between Sudan and Chad, which started when Sudan accused Chad of backing Darfur rebels. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Ayam*)

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