



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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### **Al-Bashir rejects cooperation with ICC**

-Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir reiterated his resolve not to cooperate with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in regards to the allegations of genocide and war crimes made against him. Al-Bashir made his announcement during an address to a popular rally for solidarity with Sudan under the slogan "Stop Targeting Sudan" organized by the Sudan Workers Trade Unions Federation in collaboration with the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions in Khartoum yesterday. The labor unions vowed support for the president in his fight against the ICC. Al-Bashir said that cooperating with the ICC would mean denying Sudan its sovereignty, as well as its legal, political and diplomatic rights. During his address, he also expressed his confidence in the national judicial system, government organs, and political parties in finding a sound solution for the Darfur crisis. He further mentioned that the democratic process would continue and elections would start as scheduled. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Akhbar Al-Yom, Sudan Tribune, et al*)

-Prof. Ibrahim Ghandor Chairperson of the Sudan Workers Trade Unions Federation said that Ocampo's allegations are part of a series of plots against Sudan to undermine its unity and stability. He added that the popular rally sends a signal to Sudan's enemies that the people of Sudan, with all their political affiliations, are united to stand beside the symbol of the sovereignty of the country against the conspiracies targeting Sudan leadership and people. (*SUNA*)

### **UN chief on Abyei**

The UN Secretary General Ban-ki Moon mentioned in a special report regarding the Comprehensive

Peace Agreement that the current measures in regards to the implementation of the Abyei road map agreement were positive. The Secretary General mentioned in his report that if the agreement were to be seriously implemented, it would result in a favorable outcome to a long outstanding crisis. (*Al-Watan, Al-Intibaha*)

### **Mbeki visiting Khartoum soon**

South African President Thabo Mbeki intends to visit Khartoum soon to discuss with President Al-Bashir the possibility that the International Criminal Court will issue an arrest warrant for the Sudanese leader. Mbeki mentioned his proposed visit to Sudan following a meeting in Pretoria yesterday with Sudan's Special Presidential Envoy Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail. (*Al-Ahdath, Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

### **Arab League: No genocide in Darfur**

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Al-Sammani Al-Wasila affirmed that the Arab League has authenticated information that there is no genocide in Darfur. Al-Wasila said that Arab League is working with other organizations to prevent Sudan from being affected by this matter, and that the League had identified parties to deal with this matter. He also added that the Arab League affirmed in its resolution that the allegations of atrocities committed in Darfur were political in nature. (*Sudan Vision*)

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