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JEM denies firing at UNAMID helicopter

-Haroon Abdul Hameed, spokesperson from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) denied that they had anything to do with the UNAMID helicopter incident, which occurred on Monday. Haroon further accused the Sudanese government of shooting the plane. Earlier, the Sudanese government had said that JEM was behind the shooting of the helicopter, which was shot at in West Darfur. UNAMID is planning to deploy more troops from Ethiopia and Egypt, which are already on their way to the region. (*Radio MirayaFM*)

-Meanwhile, the Sudanese Minister of Defense, Abdelraheem Mohammed Hussein, confirmed his government's obligation to protect the peace-keeping forces and that it was exerting "maximum effort" to ensure their safety. Hussein blamed UNAMID forces for "ignoring instructions and flying in a different direction." He added that such flights should be coordinated with the Sudanese Armed Forces. (*Al Wifaq*)

Sudan blames UN for delay in deployment

Presidential Advisor Mustafa Ismail blamed the United Nations for its "weak performance in deploying peacekeeping troops in Darfur" despite the Sudanese government's "efforts to complete the deployment of the UNAMID troops in Darfur." The UN has "failed to transport Egyptian and Ethiopian forces to Darfur," Ismail said. The Presidential Advisor's statement was made during his meeting with the U.S Special Envoy to Sudan, Richard Williamson, who "expressed his concern over the slow deployment of UNAMID troops in Darfur." (*Al-Ayam, Agras Al-Hurriya, Sudan Vision*)

ICC Prosecutor General holds talks with Senegal

The International Criminal Court Prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, has held talks with the Senegali President Abdullah Wad to discuss the situation in Darfur. "I shall continue to meet with African leaders to explain the situation in Darfur, and then leave it for them to decide," Ocampo said. The ICC Prosecutor General added that he had explained to the Senegali President his reasons for taking legal action against Sudan. (*Al-Sahafa*)

SAF kill 7 workers in North Darfur

The Leader of the Sudanese Liberation Movement (SLM), Abdel-Wahid Al-Nour, has accused the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) of killing seven workers at a soda ash plant in North Darfur. Al-Nour said that "around 270 vehicles attacked the plant." He added that "the National Congress Party was not serious about peace in Darfur," and that "the government was recruiting local militias and preparing for more attacks against rebel positions." (*Sudan Tribune*)

Ex-Minister accuses NCP of atrocities in Darfur

Former Minister of Federal Affairs and a senior figure in the Popular Congress Party (PCP), Ali Al-Haj, told reporters from Al-Sharq Al-Awsat that the Sudanese government has committed "genocide and war crimes in Darfur." "The crimes in Darfur are not figments of the imagination but are real and documented," he said. Al-Haj further claimed that Second Vice-President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha had admitted to "arming some tribes in Darfur to kill other tribes." (*Khartoum Monitor*)

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