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## **President Al-Bashir slams ICC at summit**

The Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir has called on African leaders “to cooperate and unite to abort the plots being managed by the colonialist forces against the countries in Africa and the Third World.” Al-Bashir’s statement was made during his address at the opening session of the Turkish/African Summit in Turkey where Al-Bashir criticized the International Criminal Court (ICC), describing it as “a tool for the imperialist forces to terrorize nations and to subjugate them and to dominate African nations to loot their wealth.” He claimed that the accusations of ICC Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo about the Darfur war crimes “were all lies.” He added, “These imperialist forces intend to hinder the development process and impose on the sovereignty and dignity of weaker nations by abusing the international judicial mandate.” (*SUNA*)

## **Human rights group denounces death sentences**

Amnesty International criticized the death sentences issued for the eight Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) rebels involved in the May 10 Omdurman attack. The group described the sentences “as a travesty of justice” and “a breach of state and international laws.” Meanwhile, a JEM spokesperson said, “The sentences show that Sudanese government, despite its peace rhetoric, continues in its military approach with regards to resolving the Darfur issue. JEM considers these sentences as no more than a continuation of the violations against the innocent people of Darfur and warns the Sudanese government that any attempt to carry out these sentences will hasten a swift second invasion of Khartoum.” (*Sudan Tribune*)

## **Sudan warns UN**

Sudan has warned the United Nations of “serious consequences for its staff and facilities if the International Criminal Court issues an arrest warrant for President Al-Bashir, said Ashraf Qazi, the UN Secretary General’s Special Representative for Sudan, when briefing the U.N. Security Council on August 18. “The UN is taking all the necessary measures, including strengthening cooperation with Sudanese security institutions,” Qazi said. (*Al-Ayam, Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

## **Kiir determined to fight corruption**

Sudan’s First Vice President Salva Kiir Mayardit confirmed his “non- tolerance policy for corruption in his government.” Kiir was speaking at a commemoration of war veterans August 19 in Juba. Kiir pledged that “all perpetrators would be exposed and held accountable.” (*The Advocate, Khartoum Monitor*)

## **Thousands displaced by floods in South Sudan**

Kojok Majak Kojok, Chairman of the United Sudan Party, said more than 38,000 people have been left homeless due to floods in the town of Aweil, Bahr El-Ghazal State. Kojok has called on “the critical need for assistance from all humanitarian agencies to address this crisis.” (*Khartoum Monitor*)

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