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Egypt receives AU/UN Darfur mediator

The Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abulghait welcomed the UN/AU's Chief Mediator to Darfur, Djibril Bassole, on Wednesday during Bassole's current visit to Egypt. Abulghait affirmed "Egypt's eagerness to meet Bassole and express his country's concern regarding Darfur." He added that "during the meeting, he and Bassole would discuss a recent initiative proposed by Egypt to defuse the situation between the Sudanese government and the rebel movements in Darfur and would help facilitate negotiations between the two parties." The Egyptian Foreign Minister renewed his call for a high-level international meeting on Darfur under the auspices of the United Nations and the African Union to agree to a new roadmap for peace in Darfur. (*Sudan Vision, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Sudan probes ICC suspects

Nimir Ibrahim Mohammed, the Sudanese special prosecutor for Darfur war crimes, confirmed that he was currently interrogating Ali Kushayb, a militia leader accused by the International Criminal Court (ICC) of committing war crimes in Darfur. Mohammed said he "was taking testimonies of a number of witnesses whose names were mentioned in the cases he was handling." The step comes as "part of a legal strategy to deflect ICC jurisdiction over the Darfur case." (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Sudanese - Dutch talks in The Hague

Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor is scheduled to hold talks with his Dutch counterpart, Maxime Verhagen, in The Hague on Thursday. The two parties will engage in talks concerning current developments in the Sudanese arena as well as the ongoing peace and reconciliation efforts for achieving stability in Darfur. The meeting will also discuss the implications of the International

Criminal Court's allegations against the Sudanese President and its impact on Sudan's sovereignty. (*Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Al Turabi downplays President's initiative

Yesterday, the Secretary-General of the Popular Congress Party, Dr. Hassan al-Turabi, received a memorandum from the faculty of the University of Khartoum which held "a number of proposals concerning the current crisis in Sudan, including the International Criminal Court issue." The proposals were submitted to al-Turabi for his review, along with other political leaders. "The Sudan People's Initiative is something we only read about in the papers," said Al-Turabi, in a press statement after his meeting with a delegation from the university. He continued by asking "Proposals are made... but who has the capacity to implement them?" (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Ahdath*)

Food riot breaks out in Darfur refugee camp

A food riot broke out in a refugee camp in Um Shalaya in West Darfur State, resulting in the death of one refugee and the injury of six others. Three police officers were among the wounded. According to reports, angry protestors were demonstrating against the shortage of sorghum, a staple food widely consumed in the region. Crysantus Ache, a representative from the UN Refugee Agency, said that the incident was "regrettable." The reduction in sorghum "has resulted from humanitarian aid agencies having difficulty in safely transporting food from El-Geneina to the camp." (*Khartoum Monitor*)

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