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Qatar to host initiative to solve Darfur problem.

As a result of the meeting of Arab foreign affairs ministers in Cairo, a committee of Qatari, Arab League, and African Union representatives will arrange negotiations towards achieving peace in Darfur. The Sudanese government and JEM welcomed the idea, while the SLA/Abdel Wahid rejected the notion. Several Arab countries will take part in the negotiation. (*Al-ayam, Sudan Vision, et al*)

“Tsunami” if Bashir indicted by ICC

The Sudanese Minister of Justice, Abdel-Baset Sabdarat, has warned of a “political tsunami” if the judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC) issue an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir. “Things will be done differently and it won’t be ‘business as usual’ like many people think,” cautioned Sabdarat. Some Sudanese officials have “hinted that they may ask UN missions in the South and Darfur to leave if Bashir is charged by the ICC.” (*Sudantribune.com*)

U.S. Chargé Fernandez visits South Darfur

The Chargé d’Affaires of the United States of America, Alberto Fernandez, is currently visiting South Darfur, where he said that “instability hinders development.” Fernandez “urged the Sudanese government to cooperate with UNAMID and the international community to sustain peace in Darfur.” (*Al-Ray Al-aam*)

May Omdurman attackers face trial next week

Courts will start again next week to look into charges against 31 JEM suspects of the May attack on Omdurman. Sentences potentially faced by the attackers may include execution or life

imprisonment. The first three court sessions looked into similar accusations and sentenced 50 suspects to execution last month. (*Al-Sudani*)

U.S.-Sudan bilateral relations claims denied

The Sudanese government has “denied that Washington asked for an exchange of four wanted terrorists” to “improve bilateral relations.” Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor also denied media reports of this claim, adding that “the Sudanese-American dialogue is on hold due to the American elections.” Alor rejected the existence of “disagreements between the National Congress Party and Sudan People’s Liberation Movement over the ICC crisis.” (*Al-Ray Al-aam*)

American investors to arrive in southern Sudan

Forty American businessmen are expected to arrive in Juba this month to invest in Southern Sudan. They will tour ten states in the region. The step comes as “an exception of Washington sanctions for American companies to invest in Sudan.” (*Al-Sahafa et al*)

Obaid: Kosh is proof of a plot targeting Sudan

Dr. Kamal Obaid, State Minister of Information, said that the “emergence of a new Kosh rebellion in northern Sudan is clear evidence that there are plans to target the entire country of Sudan, not just a particular regime or party.” In a response to the “movement’s statement in the United States,” he commented that “some Jewish circles are funding this work in America” and rejected “any conditions from the U.S. administration on normalizing bilateral relations.” (*Al-Wifag, Al-Ray Al-aam*)

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