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## GoS has plan to foil plots targeting Sudan

The government of Sudan (GoS) said that it had “set up a plan to foil the plots masterminded by some circles that target the security and stability of the country” and that it “would thwart these attempts by implementing diplomatic and political efforts during the meetings of the United Nations General Assembly which start in New York next week.” MFA spokesperson Ali Al-Sadig said that Sudan “has been able to include the issue of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the agenda of the meetings.” He added that “Sudan does not stand alone in the face of the ICC and more than 3/4 of the world supports Sudan’s confrontation of the ICC’s allegations.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

## DDR program in Darfur to be funded by GoS

The Sudanese government had renewed its obligation to finance the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) program. The announcement was made at a meeting last week at the Republican Palace with UN envoy Ashraf Qazi and ambassadors of donor states. (*Al Watan, Al-Sudani, The Advocate*)

## Minnawi to hold talks in Washington

Senior Presidential Aide Mini Arco Minnawi is scheduled to visit Washington to hold talks regarding “Minnawi’s suspension of his return to Khartoum” and “obstacles impeding the implementation of the Abuja Agreement.” An “informed source” from the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction said that the visit comes in the wake of Minnawi’s “special relationship with Washington” and that he would meet with “high-level officials from the U.S. administration” as well as rebel leaders who were not part of the Abuja Agreement. (*Al-Sahafa*)

## Arab League: Arab proposal not “Mona Lisa”

Amr Mousa, the Secretary-General of the Arab League, said in a press conference that “the Arab initiative for realizing peace in Darfur is not a ‘Mona Lisa’ to be admired, but is an important step that represents the Arab stance towards the Darfur issue.” Mousa’s statements came as part of a joint press conference held with Javier Solana, the European Union High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy. Mousa said he believes that “the European Union’s keenness toward some of the issues in the Arab proposal had slackened” and that there were “various misunderstandings to be discussed.” (*Al-Rai Al-aam*)

## SAF enters locations in Darfur

-Osman Al-Agbash, spokesperson of the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF), said in a press statement that SAF had entered two locations, Thabit and Khazan Tungur, in “an attempt to fight armed robbers and to enhance road security to enable humanitarian aid to reach the people in the region.” Al-Agbash added that the entry of government troops in the region was met with “hardly any resistance” from the armed movements. (*Al-Wifaq, Al-Sahafa*)

-Meanwhile, the SLM/Abdul Wahid faction has repeated its accusations that SAF is still attacking its locations in Khazan Tungur in Northern Darfur. Abu Baker Mohamed, SLM’s field commander, told Miraya FM that “the fighting is still going on and that SAF is using the air force to attack SLM’s locations.” (*Miraya FM*)

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