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## **Tripartite committee formed with South Africa**

A tripartite committee, consisting of members from the National Congress Party, Sudanese People's Liberation Movement, and South African counterparts will be formed to refute the International Criminal Court allegations against President Al-Bashir as well as to create a South African proposal to establish comprehensive peace in Darfur. The step comes in the wake of South African President Thabo Mbeki's current visit to Khartoum to discuss current developments in the region with President Al-Bashir. (*Al-Intibaha, Akhbar Alyom, Sudan Vision, et al*)

## **Minnawi confers with Bassole on Abuja**

Minni Arco Minnawi, senior presidential aide to Al-Bashir and head of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction met with Djibril Bassole, joint AU/UN Darfur Peace Mediator to discuss the current developments on the Abuja Agreement and how to resolve the Darfur issue. During the meeting, Minnawi expressed his "rejection of the Arab initiative, if the Arab League were to be involved." Minnawi stated, "The Arab League has adopted a negative stance towards the Darfur issue for too long." Minnawi continued to say that "he accepted the People of Sudan Initiative, which may lead to progress on the Darfur issue, provided the political parties abandon their agendas." (*Akher Lahza, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **Amum welcomes dismissal from post**

Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) Secretary General Pagan Amum told reporters today in a press conference that he "more than welcomes his dismissal from his Ministerial post as this will enable [him] to be free to take up his responsibilities in the movement." His

announcement came in a press conference held yesterday after President Al-Bashir had issued a decree this week that relieved Amum from his post and replaced him with Costa Manyebi. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Akhbar-Al-Yom, Sudan Vision*)

## **International donors' slack impedes CPA**

Peter Gakunu, the Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund, announced in a press conference yesterday that "the slack on the part of International donors and their failure to provide assistance to Sudan as scheduled have hindered the implementation of the three peace agreements signed by Sudan." Gakunu mentioned that Sudan's external debt was still high and that the country should be exonerated from these debts in light of Sudan's current efforts to enforce development projects aimed at improving the economy. (*Al-Intibaha*)

## **Taha not involved in mobilizing militia in Darfur**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has strongly denied that Ali Osman Mohammed Taha, Second Vice-President of Sudan, was among the list of those wanted by the International Criminal Court (ICC). MFA described the report published by *Sudan Tribune Online* as "baseless." Meanwhile, the online publication claimed that it possessed an edited version of the ICC-issued that exposes the role of Taha in mobilizing the Janjaweed militias during the Darfur conflict. Despite these claims by the online publication, official MFA spokesperson Ali Al-Sadiq said the Ministry had "a summary of the application. It does not contain any allegations against any other Sudanese officials." (*Al Wifaq*)

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