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President Al-Bashir to attend summit in Accra

President Omer Al-Bashir is scheduled to attend the 6th summit conference of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group (ACP), scheduled to be held in Accra on October 1. The summit will be preceded by a number of ministerial meetings. In the meantime, John Kaputin, the ACP's Secretary General, will arrive in Khartoum this week to brief President Al-Bashir on the agenda of the forthcoming summit in Accra. Sudan's Ambassador to the European Union and the ACP, Nageeb Al-Khair Abdul-Wahab, told the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that Kaputin's visit to Khartoum is an expression of "support and solidarity" with Sudan and its leadership. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Ajras Al Hurria*)

Taha strongly urges deferral of ICC move

Vice President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha has strongly urged the African Union Peace and Security Council to take a solid stance against the the International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor's request to issue an arrest warrant against President Al-Bashir. The request came when Taha addressed a meeting held on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. During his address, Taha referred to Sudan's "current efforts to resolve the Darfur crisis" and appealed to the UN Security Council "to review Sudan's request to suspend the ICC Prosecutor's request" and "to solve the issue within a political framework." He continued that "Sudan would welcome the intervention of international legal experts." In his efforts to defer the ICC decision, Taha met with several officials in New York, including the AU Chief, the Emir of Qatar, and the AU joint peace mediator for Darfur.

Meanwhile, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the ICC's Chief Prosecutor, is heading for New York this week to seek support for his move against President Al-Bashir. According to a memo issued by the prosecutor's office, Ocampo will meet with officials from the United Nations and African Union. The statement also mentioned that Ocampo would discuss "how to further protect civilians in Darfur, stop the crimes, and ensure the court's judicial mandate and decisions." (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

UN and AU to hold meetings on Darfur

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon has called for a meeting with Jean Ping, Chairman of the Commission of the African Union (AU), on Sunday to "review the current situation in Darfur." The two parties will discuss security and humanitarian issues in the region, as well as the deployment of UNAMID troops. The meeting comes "in the light of the instability and deteriorating humanitarian conditions in Darfur." (*Akhbar-Al-Youm*)

Launching of El-Geneina International Airport

Abu Algasim Imam, the wali (governor) of West Darfur State, formally opened the El-Geneina Martyr (Subaira) International Airport yesterday, which is now operational. Imam said he believes that the opening of the airport "sheds a new light on the development and infrastructure of the region." (*Ajras Al Hurria*)

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