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Sudan: “UK and France impeding ACP efforts”

The Sudanese government openly accused London and Paris of trying to hinder the efforts of the African, Caribbean and Pacific group (ACP) in opposing suspension of the allegations made by the International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor against Sudanese President Al-Bashir during the ACP summit, recently held in Accra. Al-Sammani Al-Wasila, the Sudanese Foreign Minister of State, said that the ACP had added a paragraph to its final communiqué to defer the ICC case against Al-Bashir and would raise the issue before the UN Security Council. Al-Wasila said France and Britain strongly opposed the paragraph, asked for its omission from the communiqué. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Sudan expels two UK embassy employees

Two British Embassy employees involved in injuring UNMIS national security guards with their vehicle last month were expelled by the Sudanese government. According to reports, the British employees attempted to forcibly park their vehicle in the wrong place and resisted the UNMIS guards. The Embassy employees were given 72 hours to depart Khartoum. Ambassador Ali Yousif, the Foreign Ministry’s official spokesperson, said that the step on the part of the Sudanese government should not affect bilateral relations between Sudan and the United Kingdom. Yousif said that he had discussed the issue with the Deputy Head of the British Embassy in Khartoum and was relieved to learn that the decision was accepted by the Embassy. (*Akhir Lahza*)

JEM leaders to meet with Bassole in Darfur

Ahmed Hussain, the official spokesperson of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), said that

leaders from JEM were to meet this week with Djibril Bassole, the joint AU-UN mediator for Darfur. The JEM spokesperson mentioned that Bassole was currently holding talks with Qatari officials with regard to the Qatari peace proposal for Darfur and was pushing to call all armed rebel movements to the negotiation table. Hussain said that JEM welcomed the Qatari peace initiative and commended Qatar’s efforts for trying to realize peace in Darfur. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

Kiir forms SPLM National Secretariat

Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the government of South Sudan and Chairman of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A), issued a decree to form a national secretariat for both south and north wings of the party. The national secretariat will be headed by Pagun Amum along with 20 other appointed members. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Al-Sahafa*)

U.S. economy crisis may impact Sudan

Economy experts have agreed that the current economy crisis in the U.S. and Europe may have a negative affect both globally and on Sudanese markets. The Sudanese Central Bank is currently preparing a comprehensive study to investigate the impact of the crisis on internal markets. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Al-Sudani*)

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