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SLM hopeful of forum results

Al-Rayah Mahmoud, the Deputy Secretary General of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction, is expecting a “positive outcome” from the Sudan People’s Initiative forum being held in Kenana. He said he is expecting the forum to “come up with resolutions and recommendations that would benefit the people of Darfur.” In a statement to SUNA on the sidelines of the forum, Dr. Mahmoud affirmed “strong support of the peace agreement initiative.” (SUNA)

ICC judges “change stance” towards Sudan

The Sudanese government has “hailed a decision by the judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC)” requesting more information on the prosecutor’s request for an arrest warrant against president Omer Hassan Al-Bashir. This week, the judges of the pre-trial chamber, which has officially started deliberating on the case against Al-Bashir, said in court documents that there are “aspects of the ICC prosecutor’s application which require additional supporting materials.” The judges attached a confidential annex to their request, which contained items for which the prosecutor is required to furnish extra documentation. It is also expected that ICC Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo will issue a new list of the wanted leaders of rebel groups in Darfur. (Al-Intibaha)

Omdurman attack charges to be dropped?

Officials said that a presidential decree is expected to be issued that will drop charges and sentences against those who participated in the attacks on Omdurman in May. This action is a result of the meetings on the Sudan People’s Initiative in Kenana. (Al-Sahafa, Al-Sudani, et. al)

Ex-wali: Boycotters are too important to be left out

The ex-wali of Darfur, Alhaj Atta Elmannan, expects that the Sudan People’s Initiative will “produce several suggestions for solving the Darfur problem, which might necessitate constitutional, legal, and hierarchy amendments.” He added that the initiative proposed a committee that should sit with the boycotters to take their views and keep the international community informed of the initiative’s results. (Al Sudani)

SPLM rejects investigating Alor over weapons

The weapons on board the Ukrainian ship have “cast negative shadows” over the relationship between SPLM and the NCP. In a related issue, Ateem Garang strongly rejected investigating Deng Alor over the issue, saying the SPLM “will not accept” such an act. (Al Khartoum)

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