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Nafie asks UK to support Sudan on ICC issue

The government of Sudan has urged Britain to support the positive moves undertaken by Sudan in the Sudan People's Initiative (SPI). Nafie Ali Nafie, Presidential Advisor to Al-Bashir, emphasized that a negative move on the part of the International Criminal Court (ICC) may have an unfavorable impact on the ongoing peace process in Sudan. Nafie's urging came in a meeting with the British Special Envoy to Sudan Michael O'Neal yesterday. The Presidential Advisor briefed the envoy on "the importance of the support of the super powers, such as Britain, France and the U.S., to the SPI, which he considered favorable grounds for the successful implementation of the Qatari Initiative. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Al-Sudani*)

Parliamentary debate on Presidential nominees

Yesterday, political parties at the Parliament criticized a list of presidential nominees for the parties' council. The members of Parliament said they would vote against the nominations due to unfair distribution of party representatives on the list. Also of concern was the credentials of some of the nominees. The list, submitted for approval to the Legislative and Justice Committee, brought on strong controversy and delay in the parliamentary session, which is reconvening today to reach a decision. (*Al-Sudani, Al-Rai Al-Aam, The Citizen*)

French Ambassador appeals to Darfur rebels

French Ambassador to Sudan Christine Robichon urged the Darfur Peace Agreement signatories, non-signatories, and community leaders to step up their efforts in stopping looting of aid organizations. The French Ambassador spoke at a press conference yesterday, in Nyala, along with the Acting

Governor of South Darfur State. Robichon said that the number of raids that were taking place on aid organizations in the region was "unacceptable" and was hindering humanitarian aid work in the region. (*Al-Sahafa*)

UN worried about conditions for peace

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon will submit a report next Tuesday before the UN Security Council on deployment of hybrid forces in Darfur. Moon's report, which was published yesterday, mentioned the displacement in Darfur of "230,000 persons since the beginning of this year on account of government military operations in civilian areas." He was skeptical about the peace-keeping process in Darfur, saying "the conditions for peace were missing." He mentioned in his report that "the government and other relevant parties still resorted to military operations to resolve the conflict." (*Al-Sahafa*)

Sudan concerned about Congo and Rwanda rift

The Government of Sudan has urged the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Government of Rwanda to exercise self-restraint and to use dialogue in order to reach a peaceful resolution for the current stand-off between the two countries. The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called on the African Union and other regional organizations to defuse the crisis in order to stop the cycle of violence and instability in the region. (*Al-Sahafa*)

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