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## **Al-Bashir downplays possible indictment by ICC**

The Sudanese president Al-Bashir downplayed the ICC Chief Prosecutor's allegations against him as "nothing but a mosquito on an elephant's ear," claiming that he is "not bothered by these allegations at all." Al-Bashir's statements came as part of an address during the opening of a road and the Faculty of Medicine in Al-Nuhud yesterday. Al-Bashir accused Sudan's enemies of trying to "shake Sudan's unity" by turning "the different regions against each other." Al-Bashir confirmed in his address "the steadfastness of the Sudanese internal front," stating "neither the UN nor NATO would shake them." (*Al-Intibaha*)

## **Egypt "keen on north-south unity" in Sudan**

Visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak confirmed Egypt's commitment to cooperate with Sudan and extended its support to "pushing the peace and development process in southern Sudan." At a press conference in Juba, Mubarak stated that his meeting with the Government of Southern Sudan "reviewed issues of common concern" and said that Egypt is "keen on ensuring that unity between north and south Sudan remains attractive." (*SUNA*)

## **Nafie compares Al-Turabi to Ocampo**

Sudanese Presidential Advisor Nafie Ali Nafie compared Popular Congress Party (PCP) leader Hassan Al-Turabi's stance on the International Criminal Court (ICC) issue against Al-Bashir to that of ICC Chief Prosecutor, Louis Moreno-Ocampo. In making the comparison, Nafie said "the PCP has all the intentions of ousting the current regime, even if it has to do it through Ocampo." (*Al-Ahdath*)

## **Taha briefs Al-Mirghani on Sudan initiative**

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) Chairman Mohamed Osman Al-Mirghani was invited to attend the final session of the Sudan People's Initiative, which is being held today, after he was briefed on the latest developments of the initiative by Sudanese Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha. (*Al-Sudani, Al-Ahdath, Al-Intibaha*)

## **Misseriya and Dinka to hold peace conference**

A peace conference between the Misseriya and Dinka tribes will be held on Tuesday, November 18. The two tribes on either side of Sudan's north-south border, between Bahr-El-Ghazal and Southern Kordufan, started their bloody dispute over cattle-grazing areas last December. (*Sudan Tribune*)

## **Heavy protests in Juba over unpaid salaries**

Government and public transport vehicles were burnt in Juba yesterday in a student rampage to protest the government's failure to pay teacher salaries over the past two months. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, Al-Intibaha*)

## **Press urged to comply with "self-censorship"**

Kamal Obeid, Sudanese State Minister for Information and Communications, "urged newspapers to abide by principles of journalism and self-censorship." Referring to recent protests against censorship and "security disturbances," Obeid told *Miraya FM* that "some party-affiliated newspapers are trying to create a crisis out of nothing." (*Radio MirayaFM*)

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