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JEM: “GoS ignores truce after only 72 hours”

General Ali Wafi, the military spokesperson of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) has been quoted as stating that the Government of Sudan (GoS)’s Air Force has “bombarded a village in North Darfur near Bir Maza” on Friday, November 14. “No human fatalities were reported but several livestock were killed in the air raid,” he said. Continuing, Ali Wafi remarked that “the attack, which came only 72 hours after President Al-Bashir’s ceasefire declaration, is nothing but a camouflage to commit more atrocities in Darfur.” He exclaimed that “as if that was not enough to put a final nail in the coffin of Sudan’s People’s Initiative, the GoS launched another attack on November 15 on JEM forces at Sasa, in North Darfur.” JEM forces claim that they killed a GoS forces commander and his deputy in retaliation. (*Sudanese Online, Sudantribune.com, The Citizen*)

Egypt: “Al-Bashir not immune from ICC”

The Egyptian government has warned Sudan that its stance on the International Criminal Court (ICC) is “weak” and that it will not protect President Al-Bashir from being prosecuted. Mufid Shahid, the Egyptian State Minister for Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, said that he “thoroughly examined the ICC statute to look for something that could aid Sudan’s position.” Continued Shahid, “despite Sudan not being a party to the ICC, that doesn’t prevent the ICC from having jurisdiction in such cases.” The Egyptian official was speaking at a forum at the Saudi Embassy in Cairo and stressed that Sudan’s only way out was “to take concrete and concise steps.” (*The Citizen*)

Darfur factions urged to accept Qatari initiative

Ahmed Ibrahim Deraij, Chairman of the Sudanese Federal Democratic Alliance, held a meeting in London with representatives from Darfur rebel factions that included JEM, the Sudan Liberation Movement/Abdelwahid faction, and the Ahmed Abdel Shafi faction. Deraij urged the factions “not to boycott any peace initiative” and urged the groups to “accept the Qatari initiative for peace in Darfur.” (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Khartoum, Akher Lahza*)

GoS rejects U.S. comments on air fighter deal

Ali Sadig, spokesperson for the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, slammed U.S. statements regarding the recent deal signed between Russia and Sudan regarding the purchase of 12 MiG fighter jets. According to Sadig, under international law the Sudanese government “has the right to arm its forces” and America’s comment on the deal is “considered interference in Sudan’s internal affairs and its priorities.” (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Khartoum*)

Minnawi and Mannan meet with non-signatories

Yesterday, Minni Arco Minnawi, Senior Presidential Aide and Chairman of the Sudanese Liberation Movement (SLM), met with Abuja non-signatories in North Darfur. Accompanying Minnawi was a National Congress Party (NCP) delegation, headed by Al-Haj Atta Al Mannan. The meeting aimed at convincing the non-signatory parties to participate in peace efforts and to sit at the negotiating table. The meeting succeeded in securing a ceasefire and the safe passage of convoys carrying humanitarian aid. (*Al-Intibaha*)

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