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Al-Bashir and Deby to meet in Doha

Sudanese President Al-Bashir and his Chadian counterpart Idris Deby intend to hold a bilateral summit at the end of this month in Qatar. The meeting comes after the two countries resumed their diplomatic relations and lies within the context of promoting diplomatic ties between the two countries and “Chad’s support to Sudan” regarding the issue of Darfur. (*Al-Watan, Al-Khartoum, et al*)

Sudan Umma Party leader dies in car crash

Abdel Nabi Ahmed, the Secretary General of the Umma Party, was killed in a car crash on Saturday. His death comes at a critical time, as the party prepares for elections next year and was highly dependant on Ahmed for rallying Darfuri votes. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Watan, et al*)

Omdurman attackers to appear before ICC

- The International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, “intends to submit before the ICC judges a case against the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM)” for the attacks they launched in May 2008 on Omdurman. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

- Jimmy Wango, Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly and a leading member of the Sudan African National Union (SANU) said that “whoever is involved in crimes against humanity should face justice.” Wango further ruled out that the ICC move to put Sudanese leaders on trial would impede the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). He argued that the CPA “was signed

between institutions, and that while individuals may go, institutions remain.” Meanwhile, the chairperson of the Information Committee in the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, Peter Basher Bandi, welcomed the arrest warrant requested by the ICC against rebel leaders in Darfur and said that this move indicated that the ICC is impartial. (*Radio MirayaFM*)

Ministry says Sudan courts “illegal”

The Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development of the Government of Southern Sudan admitted that the majority of courts operating in southern Sudan are “illegal.” The statement came at the opening session of a two-day workshop held in the Lakes State, where Acting Governor of the Lakes State Awan Guol Riek also urged southern lawyers to form an association to defend the rights of accused clients. (*Al-Wifaq, Al Watan*)

Polio campaign in South Darfur

The Minister of Health said that the Federal Immunization Department intends to launch a campaign to eradicate polio from the region of South Darfur. The campaign will start tomorrow and will continue for three days. (*Sudanese Media Center*)

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