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CISSA seeks amendment to ICC Charter

A November 24-27 workshop in Khartoum, organized by the Committee on Intelligence and Security Services in Africa (CISSA), calls for the amendment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Charter. Biza Mina John, a legal expert from Rwanda, said that African countries should request the ICC statute be amended in order to prevent the court from pursuing individuals who have diplomatic immunity. He added there the court's statute contradicts immunities provided for current heads of State and diplomats. (*Al-Sudani*)

NSIS warns of serving "special agenda"

Director of the National Security and Intelligence Services (NSIS) Salah Abdullah Gosh warns of attempts "to utilize international institutions and law to serve Western countries" and their "special" agenda of the ICC. Gosh says that the ICC has contributed to aggravating conflicts, impeding peace and hindering development in many African countries. In addressing the inaugural session of the CISSA workshop, NSIS Director Gosh said that "colonialism has created the means for targeting the sovereignty of African countries and their resources." (*Sudan News Agency*)

UN says aid to Darfur cannot go on indefinitely

John Holmes, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator visited Kalma Camp yesterday and said that international aid for millions of Darfur residents cannot go on indefinitely and that a solution must be found to facilitate the repatriation process. Holmes says that "security in Darfur continues to deteriorate" and that people are still being displaced by violence although many cases

are not emergencies." He highlighted that some people have been in the camps for four or five years. "Obviously, the Sudanese need to find a negotiated solution that will allow people to go home and resume their lives normally." (*Al-Sudani, Al-Ahdath*)

Sudanese Government may lift press censorship

Chairperson of the National Press and Publications Council Ali Shumu said that the "the Sudanese government may agree to lift press censorship, which has been imposed on print media for the past eight months." Shumu's announcement comes in the wake of a recent meeting between senior journalists and NSIS Chief Salah Abdullah Gosh to contest press censorship and to present a memorandum for revising press and media law. Shumu said he was optimistic that the memorandum would be endorsed by Sudanese President Al-Bashir. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Three human rights activists detained

Sudanese authorities arrested, detained and interrogated three human rights activists yesterday under the accusation that they maintained links with the ICC. The three detainees are Osman Humaida, Moniem El-Jak and Amir Suleiman. El-Jak and Suleiman have been released. Humaida remains in the custody of the security service unit. His whereabouts are unknown. El-Jak sent an email to *Sudantribune.com* in which he accused Sudanese authorities of using the ICC issue "as an excuse to target human rights activists." (*Sudan Tribune.com*)

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