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## **Al-Bashir: “Will not surrender ‘even a cat’”**

Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir reiterated his rejection of International Criminal Court (ICC) allegations of war crimes in Darfur and stated that he would not even surrender “a cat” to the ICC if this is in exchange for a pardon. The President made the announcement last week at a public rally held in Sinnar State, where he accused some parties of plotting against his regime [The Ingath Revolution Government] since 1989, adding that it “was the present regime that succeeded in freeing Sudanese oil from the domination of American companies.” He called the Ingath “the revolution that makes dreams a reality.” (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

## **JEM criticizes Arab and African countries**

Khalil Ibrahim, Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) leader, criticized Arab and African countries for supporting Al-Bashir in seeking to defer the possible arrest warrant against him by the International Criminal Court (ICC). The JEM leader made his statements during a teleconference with Arab journalists in Doha. Ibrahim said that the Arab League and the African Union were “biased” and were more interested in saving Al-Bashir than in solving the Darfur conflict: “Our strategic goal is to topple this government and govern ourselves.” He said “halfway solutions” are no longer viable. According to Ibrahim: “We are facing a historic moment, and the regime will fall very soon.” (*Sudantribune.com*)

## **Al Mahdi calls for National defiance against ICC**

Umma Party leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi called on all Sudanese political parties to convene in a comprehensive summit to discuss the implications of the ICC indictment of President Al-Bashir stating that all of the political parties should stand together to deter the ICC action because of the “serious impact” it would have on security and the political system in Sudan as well as on Sudan’s foreign relations. (*Al-Sudani*)

## **SJU expresses support for Iraqi Journalist**

The Sudanese Journalists Union (SJU) issued a statement calling for the release of the Iraqi journalist Muntassir Al-Zaidi, who hurled his shoe at U.S. President George Bush during a recent press conference in Iraq. The statement issued by the Union defends Al-Zaidi’s reaction, as it reflects the journalist’s vehement rejection of the occupation his country has been subjected to. (*Sudaneseonline.com*)

## **Security commission blames Minnawi**

Ahmed Mustafa Al-Dabi, Security Arrangement Commissioner, blames the Sudan Liberation Movement Army (SLM/A)/Minnawi faction for not participating in the disarmament and reintegration process of its military forces in Darfur stating that the movement was not complying with the stipulations of the Abuja Agreement. (*Akher Lahza*)

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