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Sudan condemns aggression on Palestinians

-The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called on the Council of the Arab League to hold an emergency meeting to stop the “barbaric” Israeli air raids against the “innocent” Palestinian people in the Gaza strip. Yesterday, Israel launched a massive air raid in Gaza, killing and wounding more than four hundred people. Sudanese Foreign Ministry urged the United Nations Security Council and the international community to exert pressure on Israel to stop its aggressions. (*Sudan News Agency*)

-The Sudanese Journalists Union also condemned the aggression on Palestinian civilians and issued a statement, describing the act as “ugly and barbaric.” The Journalists Union characterized the act as “against human norms and values” and blamed the U.S. administration for failing to solve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. (*Sudan News Agency*)

GoS will defy all parties opposing pace in Darfur

Salah Abdallah Gosh, National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) Chief, said that the allegations by International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo against Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir for committing alleged war crimes in Darfur were intended to “foil the peace process in Sudan.” Gosh’s statement came in his address to a rally in West Darfur. “The government will defy those who have become agents for foreign parties wishing to prolong war in Darfur.” During his speech, Gosh questioned France’s sincerity with regard to peace in Sudan, asking why a country like France did not expel Abdel Wahid Nur [leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Abdel Wahid faction], as it had done with other rebel leaders in its territory. (*Al-Watan, Al-Khartoum, et al*)

Al-Mahdi warns against ICC Prosecution

Former Sudanese Prime-Minister and leader of the National Umma Party Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi warned there would be “bloodshed” in Khartoum “should the ICC decide to issue an arrest warrant against Al-Bashir.” Al-Mahdi stated that the ICC has adopted a “harsh political agenda” for ousting Al-Bashir’s regime that could lead to “overall chaos and instability in Sudan.” Al-Mahdi reasons that Sudan could overcome the ICC crisis through national consensus, harmony among national political parties and the elimination of political infighting. (*Sudantribune.com*)

UN dismisses reports on ICC indictment date

The United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) has dismissed media reports that attributed to UNMIS an indictment date for the ICC’s arrest warrant against President Al-Bashir. According to Ashraf Qazi, UN Secretary-General Special Representative to Sudan, media speculations appear to be derived from an erroneous report on Al-Jazeera.net. UNMIS has requested for the report to be retracted from the Al-Jazeera website. (*Sudantribune.com*)

LRA kills 35 in the Congo and Southern Sudan

Rebels from the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) are suspected of launching attacks over the Christmas holiday on the Southern Sudan border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), killing at least 35 civilians. The attack comes one week after a joint military operation against LRA locations in the DRC by Southern People’s Liberation Army, Uganda and the DRC. (*Al-Ayam*)

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