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Arab Parliamentary Union to convene

Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir, Spokesperson for the National Assembly, has called for an urgent meeting of the Arab Parliamentary Union to convene in Khartoum to address issues in support of the Palestinian cause. The call comes in the wake of the Israeli air-strikes in Gaza, where Al-Tahir refers to a “double-standard” and “passivity” on the part of the international community. (*Sudan News Agency*)

Sudan: France apologizes for Sarkozy’s remarks

Ali Karti, the Sudanese Foreign Minister of State, told London-based *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* that French Presidential Advisor for African Affairs Bruno Joubert had apologized for remarks made by French President Nicholas Sarkozy [at the Signing Ceremony of the 60th Anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights]. In his speech, Sarkozy had forewarned Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir that time was running out for him vis-à-vis the International Criminal Court (ICC) indictment and that “his fate was in his own hands.” Karti indicated that Sudan was unconcerned with these threats and hinted that the Sudanese government would suspend the implementation of the North-South Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) if an arrest warrant were to be issued for Al-Bashir. (*Sudantribune.com*)

GoS angered by UNICEF’s remarks

The Government of Sudan (GoS) rejected allegations made by UNICEF Representative Ted Chaiban that children under the age of eighteen were being enlisted in both the Organized and the Central Reserve Forces. The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement yesterday calling

Chaiban’s remarks counterproductive to progress made by the Sudanese government in granting amnesty to children involved in the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) attacks on Omdurman earlier this year. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs accused international organizations of being “prejudiced” against Sudan and of a lack of a transparent and methodological approach to the Sudanese government, despite the existence of “open channels” of communication. (*Al-Intibaha, Ajas-Al-Hurria*)

Experts discuss impact of ICC allegations

The meetings of the Sana’a Summit Group questioned the legitimacy of the actions of ICC Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo against Sudan and affirmed the negative impact of these actions on all the existing peace agreements in Sudan. The Summit Group further condemned the Israeli air-offensive in Gaza and said that it would table its recommendations for resolving the crisis before the Arab Ministerial Council to convene in Khartoum today. (*Sudan Vision, Al-Intibaha*)

Employment of southerners in civil service

Hamadnallah Mohamed Al Tahir, the Rapporteur for the Civil Service Commission, confirmed that the Commission has completed arrangements to ensure that the civil service be comprised of twenty percent Southern Sudanese, as stipulated in the CPA. (*RadioMirayaFM*)

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