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Al-Mahdi launches campaign for Palestinians

Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi, the National Umma Party leader called on government institutions and civil society to extend assistance to the Palestinians in Gaza to help them confront the “Zionist entity.” The Tarahum Charity Organization has already launched a campaign for donating money, blood and food to Palestinians in Gaza under attack by Israeli forces. Al-Mahdi said that Israel was committing “a barbaric massacre” in Gaza. He added that the Palestinian resistance was carrying out its legitimate right, according to international and humanitarian laws and Sharia [Islamic law]. Al-Mahdi further called on Arab and Islamic countries to denounce the Israeli attacks stating that they “posed a flagrant violation to international laws and customs.” (*Sudan News Agency*)

Sana’a Summit Group to solve border disputes

Sudanese Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ali Karti called on the experts meeting of the Sana’a Cooperation Forum, which comprises Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti, to work toward to a solution of border disputes within the grouping. (*Sudan News Agency*)

“Heinous crime continues amid UN silence”

Amru Musa, Arab League Chairman, emphasized the need for Palestinians and Arab countries to unify their ranks in order to counter the Israeli aggression and put an end to the suffering of the Palestinian people. Musa called the United Nations Security Council statement regarding the attacks on Gaza as “far from adequate for halting the Israeli attacks.” The Arab League is holding an emergency summit in Khartoum today to discuss the situation in Gaza. The emergency summit will be attended by

Qatar, Syria, Yemen, the Comoros Islands, the Sultanate of Oman, Algeria and Bahrain. (*Sudan Vision*)

SLM: Qatar unfamiliar with situation in Darfur

Mini Arco Minawi, Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minawi faction and Senior Presidential aide said that his faction was studying the possibility of reassigning the Arab-African Initiative to another country more acquainted with the situation in Darfur than Qatar. Mustafa Al-Jamil, an SLM spokesperson, said that the movement was not completely “confident in Qatar’s capability” in handling the Darfur portfolio, despite Qatar’s “good intentions.” Al-Jamil stressed the importance of Libyan, Chadian, Eritrean and Egyptian roles in the Initiative. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

NCP welcomes Party efforts to confront ICC

The National Congress Party (NCP) stated that it welcomed the efforts by the leaders of the Umma Party and Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), Sadig Al-Mahdi and Mohammed Osman Al-Merghani, respectively, to confront International Criminal Court (ICC) allegations against Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir. Minister of State for Information Kamal Al-Obaid, a leading figure in the NCP, commended both party leaders and stated that the NCP welcomed all efforts by Sudanese political parties to promote “unity and national reconciliation.” (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Sudanese Media Centre*)

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