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President Al-Bashir receives Saudi Minister

Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir received the Saudi Minister of Justice, Abdallah bin Mohamed Al-Shiekh, on Tuesday. Attending the meeting was Sudanese Minister of Justice Abdel Basit Sabdarat, who affirmed the strong and deeply rooted relations between the two countries, pointing out that the visit would further boost the relationship. The Saudi Minister of Justice announced that the two countries would sign a mutual judicial and legal cooperation agreement. (*Sudan News Agency*)

GoS accuses Washington of moral incompetence

The Government of Sudan has accused Senator Hillary Clinton of “adopting a negatively biased stance toward Sudan” and says that “her strategy is the same as her predecessors in the Bush Administration.” Sudanese Minister of Information Kamal Al-Obeid says that Clinton’s recent remarks to President-elect Barack Obama on the option of imposing a no-fly zone in Darfur were “senseless” and only illustrated an unjustified “enmity” towards Khartoum as well as a contradictory stance. Al-Obeid labels the United States as “morally incompetent” to discuss peace and justice in Darfur, especially since it has failed to “condemn” the Israeli aggression in Gaza and has given Israel full support. He adds that “if Clinton is seriously concerned with peace in Darfur, or anywhere else, she must act in order to stop the massacres and humanitarian crimes in Gaza.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

NCP slams Al-Turabi remarks

-National Congress Party (NCP) leader Amin Hassan Omer criticized remarks by Secretary General of the Popular Congress Party (PCP) Hassan Al-Turabi, who requested that Al-Bashir

surrender himself to the International Criminal Court (ICC). Omer stated that Al-Turabi’s remarks stem from personal “bitterness” toward NCP and said that Al-Turabi was out to “oust the present regime at any cost.” (*Al Wifaq*)

-According to an article in *Al-Sudani*, PCP Secretary General Al-Turabi and another key PCP official Bashir Adam Rahama were detained late last night due to the PCP’s stance on the ICC indictment of Al-Bashir. Leading NCP officials were quoted as saying that statements by opposition party leaders with regard to the ICC ruling should reflect the views of the Sudanese public and not their individual opinions.

SAF launches attacks on Abuja non-signatories

Despite the recently declared cease-fire, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) announced that they had launched an attack on non-signatory rebel movement locations in North Darfur yesterday. The announcement states that the attack is part of SAF’s responsibility to protect civilians and that the SAF has “no written agreement or statute” with [non-signatory] rebel movements. (*Al-Sahafa*)

GoSS rejects arming civilians

The Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) has refused demands by the people of Western Equatoria to arm civilians against repeated attacks by the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). GoSS affirmed that “arming civilians is not the policy of the government” and that the government rather “is in the process of disarming civilians in all the ten states of southern Sudan.” (*Al-Sudani*)

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