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China increases efforts to freeze ICC memo

The Chinese Ambassador to Sudan, Li Ching Wen, said that his country was “currently making contacts with the relevant member states at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC),” requesting them to “endeavor toward safeguarding the peace and stability of the Sudan.” The Chinese Ambassador spoke at a press conference held at the Chinese embassy in Khartoum and said that China and Russia were working towards a possible application of Article 16, which would allow the UNSC to pass a resolution to defer an International Criminal Court (ICC) investigation or prosecution for a renewable 12-month period. The Chinese Ambassador concluded by saying that “there are extensive consultations being made.” (*Sudan News Agency*)

Student unions “ready to defend the nation”

Sudanese student unions have announced their opposition to the ICC in regards to accusations made against Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir. The Union Secretary for States Affairs, Abakar Adam Ismail, told reporters that “the students are capable of confronting western countries conspiring against Sudan.” Ismail went on to further state that the students “would resort to any option in order to defend the country.” (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

Al-Turabi detained over involvement with JEM

An informed source from the National Intelligence and Security Service has said that the Islamist leader and Secretary General of the Popular Congress Party (PCP), Hassan Al-Turabi, “was not detained over his request that President Al-Bashir face ICC charges, but instead because of Al-Turabi’s recent contact with leaders from the Justice

and Equality Movement (JEM),” to which he linked recent rebel fighting in Muhajiriya. According to the same source, Al-Turabi was allegedly providing “financial and logistical assistance” in order to create a “military coup” in Darfur. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Al-Turabi’s family concerned over arrest

Hassan Al-Turabi is reported to be in solitary confinement and his whereabouts are unknown. Relatives of Al-Turabi have said they are “increasingly worried for his health” as they were “prevented from talking to him or providing him with special food” after his arrest on Wednesday, January 14. The PCP leader was taken into custody after making remarks regarding the ICC in which he suggested that Al-Bashir take responsibility for the situation in Darfur. (*Sudaneseonline.com*)

UNAMID: Darfur civilians at risk

The United Nations/African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) stated in press release yesterday that the lives of 30,000 civilians are at risk as Sudan Liberation Movement and JEM forces clash in Muhajiriya in Southern Darfur. Yahiya Abu-Bakr, the Minister of Health, described the humanitarian situation in Muhajiriya as “very critical” after the withdrawal of aid organizations working in the area. (*MirayaFM*)

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