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Al-Bashir participates in Kuwait Summit

Sudanese President Al-Bashir is attending an Arab Economic Summit titled "In solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza" in Kuwait today. The summit "is considered historic, as it will bring together the senior leadership and representatives of Arab and some African states." Also present at the summit is the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Secretary General of the Arab League, the President of Senegal, the Chairman of the African Union Commission, and Chairman of the World Bank. The summit will discuss inter-Arab cooperation, and reactivation of a comprehensive development strategy to fulfill Millennium Development Goals. "The Israeli aggression on the Palestinian people in Gaza tops the agenda of the closed sittings" at the summit. (*Sudan News Agency*)

EU leaders warn against supporting ICC

The Sudanese ambassador to the European Union in Brussels, Najeeb Al-Khair, told press that there "are diverse views amongst the EU member states with regards to the International Criminal Court (ICC) allegations against the Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir." He also said that "some EU leaders have warned the chair of the EU against supporting ICC allegations, particularly during this time, as it might create hostility" with "African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries." (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

Governor of WES calls for help of LRA victims

Governor of Western Equatoria State, Jemma Nunu Kumba, has called upon all levels of government in Sudan for urgent humanitarian aid to thousands of people displaced by LRA attacks in the region. Said Kumba, "fear of LRA rebels has caused many of the villagers to flee their towns and cross over the

border into Sudan, causing deterioration of humanitarian conditions." To date, more than 8,000 Congolese refugees have registered in the state. Continued Kumba, "children with malaria and pneumonia have no access to medicine and food supplies are very low." He further added that "the situation is likely to get worse during the rainy season." Kumba urged UN agencies, social and civil society organizations, and people of goodwill to assist the thousands of displaced persons in Western Equatoria State. (*The Citizen, MirayaFM*)

Journalists advised against joining political parties

Alfred Taban, Editor-in-Chief of the daily Khartoum Monitor newspaper, advised journalists "not to join political parties," asserting that journalists should be "independent" in the early lives of their careers. Taban was responding to a question posed by the press during a lecture about why journalists should not join political parties, since he "is part of one." Taban further defended his case by stating that he "had done his job" as a journalist without being "spoiled politically." (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Al-Mahdi slams Pagan Amum

Qutbi Al-Mahdi, National Congress Party (NCP) leader, said that Pagan Amum, the Secretary-General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), was "out to tear apart the spirit of unity and peace in Sudan." Al-Mahdi, who was responding to a recent remark from Amum urging the NCP to cooperate with the ICC, accused Amum of being "reckless" and attempting "to create peace-destructing conspiracies." (*Akhir Lahza*)

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