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Decree to form Darfur reconciliation committees

Yesterday, Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir issued a decree to form a local administrative committee in Darfur to provide financial and administrative support to the tribal reconciliation conferences being held there. The committee will be chaired by Mohamed Osman Khalifa and 18 other members. The committee will submit its recommendations to the President within a period of three months. ((*Sudan News Agency, Al-Watan*))

Surrendering to ICC: not an advantage to Sudan

Leading National Congress Party (NCP) member, Mohammed Al-Hassan Al-Amin, asserted that surrendering to the International Criminal Court (ICC) decision will be neither in the best interest of Southern Sudan nor Sudan in general. Al-Amin said that “the NCP was ready to confront the entire world to defend Sudan’s sovereignty and would never allow the country to be re-colonized under the pretext of ICC allegations.” The statement came in response to demands by the Political Bureau of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) to co-operate with the ICC. (*Al-Watan, Sudanese Media Centre*)

SPLM elements plotting to shake Kiir’s image

Sudan Vision quoted an NCP-Southern Sector leader, Riek Gai, saying that “some discordant individuals within the SPLM ranks were attempting to shake Kiir’s [Sudan Vice-President Salva Kiir Mayardit] image to cozy up to western countries.” Gai was responding to a request by SPLM’s Political Bureau to co-operate with the ICC.

Supply lines cut off from JEM Forces in Darfur

South Darfur State Governor Ali Mahmoud stated that Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) forces would soon suffer a shortage of food and fuel, as supply lines have been cut off. Mahmoud confirmed that “the situation in Mehajirria is calm now and that Sudanese Armed Forces were about to regain control over the area.” (*Al-Watan, Al-Khartoum, Al-Ayam*)

PCP says it will hold no dialogue without Turabi

The Popular Congress Party (PCP) stated that there would be “no dialogue” with the Sudanese government regarding national reconciliation between political parties or peace talks in Darfur while PCP Secretary-General Al-Turabi is being held in custody by the government for alleged links to JEM. Ibrahim Al-Sanosi, PCP Deputy Secretary-General, said the government “was trying to distance PCP.” (*Al-Khartoum*)

EC Calls for Meeting with Political Parties

The Electoral Commission (EC) called in political party representatives to exchange views on the running of the commission and preparation for the forthcoming elections. EC Deputy Chairman Abdallah Ahmed Abdallah said that the commission was coordinating with local and international organizations. Abdallah pointed out that the commission was “studying procedures and criteria needed to appoint election officers in the north and the south to comply with the Constitution and the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. (*Al-Ayam*)

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