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Russia consults with US, France, & China

Russia says it will consult with the United States, France, and China early February to discuss the International Criminal Court (ICC)'s expected decision to issue an arrest warrant against Sudanese President Al-Bashir for committing war crimes in Darfur. Mikhail Margelov, Russia's Special Envoy to Sudan, said his country "is serious about solving the Darfur crisis but urges the Sudanese government to leave the doors open even if the ICC indicts Al-Bashir." (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

Sudan seeks involvement of influential countries

The Sudanese government plans to seek the assistance of countries from the international community that "may have some influence on the ICC." Ali Al-Sadig, Sudan Foreign Ministry spokesperson, stated that "the motive behind this intense diplomatic movement is to make sure that the international community is aware of the impact of the ICC's decision on Sudan's peace and security and bear part of the responsibility for what may become of Sudan." Al-Sadig added that "Sudan will keep on seeking allies like China and Russia to explain the negative impacts of the ICC to the United Nations Security Council." (*Al-Sudani*)

JEM forces and SAF clash in El Fasher

The Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) has accused Sudanese government forces of launching attacks on JEM locations near El Fasher in North Darfur. Joint Hybrid UN/AU forces situated in the region confirmed the ongoing clashes on the outskirts of El Fasher and expressed their concern for the civilians living in the area. Meanwhile, speaking at a press conference, North Darfur State Governor Osman Yusif Kabar affirmed that

Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) had launched attacks, allegedly "destroying four JEM vehicles with no loss of lives on SAF's side." (*MirayaFM, Al-Khartoum, Al-Ayam*)

Cholera outbreak in Bahr-el-Ghazal

The Governor of West Bahr-el-Ghazal State, Mark Nyipuocho, has informed the United Nations Mission in Sudan office in Wau of an outbreak of cholera in the town of Akon in Warrap State. Nyipuocho said that he was informed of the outbreak by the Government of Southern Sudan that a medical team was on its way from Khartoum to Akon to help contain the situation. However, authorities in Warrap State have denied the outbreak, stating that there were no confirmed cases. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Sudani*)

Editorial: NCP behind Sudan's tragic mess

SudanTribune.com ran an editorial on January 25 by JEM Deputy Chairman Mahmoud A. Suleiman that contends that the departure of the National Congress Party (NCP) "will solve all of Sudan's problems." In the column, he also alleges that the "NCP's leader and the indicted president of the Sudan has abrogated his responsibilities towards citizens, neglecting essential public services... while the 'corrupt' regime smuggles the country's wealth and savings into their private accounts outside the country." Suleiman concludes by stating that "the despotic regime must depart unconditionally to pave the way for a capable democratic government to lead the country at this critical juncture, otherwise the people of Sudan are left with no choice other than to forcibly topple this government."

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