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ICC sets date for issuing arrest warrant

- The International Criminal Court (ICC) has set March 4 as the date for issuing its decision concerning the application for the issuance of a warrant of arrest against President Al-Bashir. According to a statement posted on the ICC's website, the judges of the pre-trial chamber announced that the decision will be made public via a press release on that date. (*Al-Watan*)

- According to international wire services, the leader of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) told reporters from *The Times* in N'Djamena that his forces "would topple Al-Bashir if an arrest warrant is issued." Khalil stated that such a warrant would "mean the end of Al-Bashir's legitimacy as a head of state" and that "JEM will work hard to bring him down... if he doesn't cooperate with the ICC, the war will intensify."

- *Radio MirayaFM* has stated that many Khartoum-based press reports have stated that "the people in Sudan fear for the collapse of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) if the ICC issues an arrest warrant against Al-Bashir," but the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) spokesperson, Yien Matthew, told reporters that "the ICC has nothing to do with the CPA."

GoS "reassures" foreign missions and embassies

The Government of Sudan announced that its position towards the ICC remains "unchanged" and that it will "not recognize or cooperate with any decision taken by the ICC, should it issue an arrest warrant against Al-Bashir." The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has "reassured" foreign missions and embassies working in Sudan "that everything will continue as normal." (*Al-Ayam*)

Al Bashir heads presidency meeting in Juba

President Al-Bashir is scheduled to chair a meeting in Juba today to discuss key issues regarding "Sudanese unity" and the implementation of the CPA, as well as recent developments in the national political arena. (*Al-Sahafa*)

GoS pledges to release more JEM prisoners

According to the Sudanese Minister of Justice, the Government of Sudan has promised to release more JEM prisoners who were involved in the Omdurman attack. The Minister mentioned that the release of additional JEM prisoners was welcomed by UNAMID, which "expressed hope" that the step would eventually lead to a cease-fire. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Minnawi: Israel capitalizing on Abdulwahid Nur

Minni Arco Minnawi, the Sudanese Senior Presidential Advisor and Leader of the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM)/Minnawi faction, stated that SLM faction leader Abdulwahid Nur's presence in Israel did not take him "by surprise," as Nur had "announced his intentions do so earlier." Minnawi alleged "that Nur has lost his supporters in Darfur and now turns to Israel, which are using him to gain political objectives." (*Sudan Vision*)

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