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## **Al-Bashir concludes his meeting in Juba**

Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir's meeting in Juba yesterday "revolved around various issues of concern, including a review of a report by Presidential Advisor Nafie Ali Nafie on the outcome of the Doha talks for peace in Darfur" as well as "security issues in some parts of Southern Sudan" and "means of counteracting the negative impacts of the global financial crisis in both the northern and southern regions of Sudan." During the meeting, the Sudanese leadership proposed plans for dealing with these issues in order to "pave the way for stability and development." (*Sudan News Agency, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **Sudan denounces Khalil Ibrahim's statements**

The Sudanese Foreign Ministry denounced the alleged statements recently made by Khalil Ibrahim to *The Times* where he pledged to "topple Al-Bashir should the International Criminal Court (ICC) issue an arrest warrant against him." Al-Sammani Al-Wassila, the State Minister for the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said "if Khalil Ibrahim's remarks were true, they would contradict the spirit of the peace agreement signed in Doha." Al-Wasila added he was "confident that Ibrahim would act in accordance with his commitments for achieving peace and stability in Sudan." (*Al-Ahdath*)

## **Israel accused of attempting to divide Sudan**

Speaking at the Egyptian Parliament yesterday, Egyptian and Arab League officials accused Israel of attempting to divide Sudan to "weaken its position as an Arab country." According to Egyptian officials, Sudan is faced with four challenging problems: "the domestic situation, the Darfur crisis, the problems in the south, and the

International Criminal Court (ICC)'s allegations against President Al-Bashir." (*Sudan Vision, Al-Ahdath, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

## **Prediction that ICC judges may reject charges**

The former Sudanese Chief Justice Khalafallah Al-Rashid has predicted that the ICC "may reject the charges of genocide against Al-Bashir." Al-Rashid argues that the evidence provided by Louis Moreno-Ocampo, the ICC's Chief Prosecutor, before the judges of the Pre-trial Chamber is "weak and unconvincing" and is "based on speculation rather than fact." (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

## **Clashes between SAF militia & SPLA in Malakal**

Yesterday, clashes between militias backed by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army broke-out in Malakal. Large numbers of citizens have "fled the ghost town" and have "gone into the forests in order to find safety." (*Al-Ahdath, Khartoum Monitor*)

## **Miliband to discuss Sudan issues in Cairo**

The British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs David Miliband is scheduled to arrive in Cairo next Tuesday in order "to discuss the situation in Sudan and a number of other regional issues." (*Sudanese Media Centre*)

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