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Calls to expel "ICC-supporting" organizations

The Chairman of Sudanese Bar Association has called on the Government of Sudan to "expel foreign missions and international organizations supporting the International Criminal Court (ICC)." (Akher Lahza)

GOSS condemns clashes in Malakal

The Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) has condemned the recent clashes that broke-out in Malakal between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA and said that "a committee has been formed to investigate the incidents." Speaking to reporters in a press conference, Gabriel Changson Chang, the GOSS Minister of Information and Broadcasting asked the conflicting parties to "practice selfrestraint," and said that the GOSS is taking "appropriate measures to maintain law and order in Malakal." Changson further added that he believed that the SAF was manipulating militia leader Gabriel Tanginy to "start another civil war in southern Sudan." (Khartoum Monitor, Rai Al-Shaab)

PPA supports NISS to "chastise ICC agents"

The Chairman of the Parties and Political Association (PPA) "pledged his union's loyalty" to Sudanese President Al-Bashir and stated that the PPA "strongly supports" statements made by Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) chief Salah Gosh, who has been quoted as calling for the "amputation of the hands and slitting of the throats of any person who dares 'badmouth' Al-Bashir or support the International Criminal Court (ICC)'s allegations against him." (Al-Ahdath, Sudanese Media Center)

UNAMID concerned over clashes in Malakal

Ashraf Qazi, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General to Sudan, has expressed his "deep concern" over the security situation and the safety of the civilians in Malakal as a result of recent clashes between SAF militia and SLA forces. He has called on the concerned parties in Malakal to "cease the fighting" and to "try to resolve their differences peacefully." (Rai Al-Shaab, The Citizen)

Dakar summit postponed

The summit aimed at normalizing ties between Sudan and Chad, previously scheduled to take place in Dakar, has been postponed. A new date has not yet been set yet. (*Ajras Al-Hurriya, Al-Ayam*)

Al-Mahdi calls for "national female alliance"

Umma Party leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi has called for a "national democratic female alliance," stating that he does "not see a conflict between humanitarian and Islamic rights of women." The Umma Party leader also criticized the "complete veiling of Muslim women" which he said "robbed women of their identities." Al-Mahdi was addressing an Umma Party convention being held at Friendship Hall in Khartoum yesterday. (*The Citizen, Al-Intibaha*)

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