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Qatar invites President Al-Bashir's to summit

Qatar has extended an invitation to Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir to represent Sudan in the forthcoming Arab Summit being held in Doha. The invitation comes despite the issuance of an arrest warrant by the International Criminal Court against Al-Bashir. The Qatari Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs said that Qatar would send the invitation to "all Arab heads of state" and that it "was up to Sudan to decide whether Al-Bashir would participate or not." (*Sudan Vision, Rai-Al-Shaab*)

Governor urges GOSS intervention in Jonglei

The Governor of Jonglei State, General Kuol Magang, has called on the Government of Southern Sudan to "urgently intervene" in order to settle tribal conflicts between the Lau and Morli tribes in the Akobo district, where many people have died as a result of clashes. Speaking to reporters, Magang said President Kiir had "promised to send forces to control the situation." (*Khartoum Monitor*)

Khartoum Monitor editor announces candidacy

Editor-in-Chief of the *Khartoum Monitor* daily newspaper announced his intention to run for elections in Central Equatoria, stating that the state is "the front line of the South." Taban urged members of the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) to "work hard" towards winning the forthcoming elections. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

"ICC watchdog" denounces court's decision

Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir announced that he received a letter from the director of a UK-based "International Criminal Court (ICC) watchdog" expressing the organization's "support for Al-

Bashir" and its "denunciation of the ICC decision" which it described as "outrageous and a dangerous escalation of events." The organization proclaimed "the ICC represents a new and sinister form of imperialism that targets the sovereignty of independent nations." The message also quoted former British Foreign Minister Robin Cook as saying that "the ICC is not a court set up to bring to book Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom or Presidents of the United States" and concluded by lauding the government of Sudan's "refusal to recognize the ICC, stating that the "government and people of Sudan are making a historic stand against international, western controlled agencies." (*Sudan News Agency*)

EU provided with documents regarding NGOs

The Deputy Envoy of Sudan to the European Union (EU), Hamdi Hassab Al-Rasoul, has "been provided with documents that contain evidence of the involvement of the suspended humanitarian aid organizations" which allegedly "violated Sudan's internal affairs." The documents included "fabricated reports on mass genocide, rape, and accusations against the Sudanese government regarding the bombing of civilians in villages in Darfur." Other documents included "evidence of passing on information to the ICC" and "conducting organized media campaigns on the internet in order to rally international support against Sudan." (*Sudan News Agency*)

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