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Al-Bashir addresses mass rally in South Darfur

Speaking at a mass rally in South Darfur yesterday, Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir reiterated his call on armed movements to “join the peace and development process in Darfur.” Al-Bashir urged the people of Darfur “not to heed attention to plots aimed at dividing the Sudanese and transforming the nation into another Afghanistan or Iraq.” Al-Bashir stressed that the “Sudanese president will not be elected by America or Britain, but by the people of Sudan.” (*Sudan Vision, Al-Sudani, et al*)

U.S. appoints Special Envoy to Sudan

U.S. President Barack Obama has appointed a retired Air Force General, Scott Gration, as the new Special Envoy to Sudan. According to *Al-Sudani*, the Sudanese government “welcomes the appointment” but has “reserved views” on the move and its impact on U.S.-Sudanese relations. Presidential Advisor Mustafa Ismail said that the “Sudanese government is still waiting for an official announcement, but is hopeful for an improved outlook in dialogue between Khartoum and Washington for resolving issues of mutual concern.” (*Al-Ayam, Al-Sudani, Al-Ahdath*)

Senior UN official denounces indictment decision

The President of the United Nations General Assembly, Miguel d’Escoto Brockmann, stated earlier this week that “the indictment of Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir on charges of war crimes deepens the perception that international justice is racist.” Brockmann described the International Criminal Court (ICC) ruling against Al-Bashir as “unfortunate.” (*Sudan Vision*)

AU: UNSC ignores ICC suspension request

An African Union representative has said that the United Nations Security Council “ignored an appeal” made by the African Union yesterday to “suspend the arrest warrant issued by the ICC against Al-Bashir.” The AU urged the UNSC “to commit to giving peace in Darfur a chance.” (*Al-Sudani*)

GoS downplays U.S. remarks

The Government of Sudan (GoS) “downplayed warnings” made by the U.S. Secretary of State against President Al-Bashir. According to *Al-Sudani* and *Al-Ayam*, “Secretary Clinton proclaimed that Al-Bashir would pay for every single death caused by the expulsion of the foreign aid agencies.” The Sudanese Government dismissed the remarks, stating the “U.S. administration could not be more concerned about the citizens of Darfur as Sudan was.” (*Al-Sudani, Al-Ayam*)

China: “Sudan’s sovereignty to be respected”

Speaking at a symposium held in Khartoum in support of Sudanese-Chinese relations, China’s Ambassador to Sudan, Li Chengwen, urged the international community “to respect Sudan’s sovereignty” and “its right to safeguard its territories” in addition to “helping Sudan solve the conflict in Darfur.” Chengwen emphasized the importance of the international community in assisting Sudan to achieve peace and stability. (*Sudan News Agency*)

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