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VP Taha makes surprise visit to Saudi Arabia

Yesterday, Sudanese Vice President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha led a high-level delegation to Saudi Arabia to consult with King Abdullah Bin AbdelAziz about “the latest developments in the Sudanese political arena” and to “request Saudi support” for “defusing the crisis created over the arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court for Sudanese President Al-Bashir.” The Sudanese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Abdel-Hafiz Ibrahim, told the London-based *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* that “Sudan is seeking Saudi support for dealing with the [ICC] issue because of the religious, political, and regional clout Saudi Arabia enjoys.” (*Al-Watan, Al-Ayam, SudanTribune.com*)

Qatar urges JEM to resume Darfur peace talks

Qatar has called upon the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) to revoke its decision to abandon peace talks and “return to the negotiating table” in Doha. Earlier, JEM had announced its objection of the government’s expulsion of aid organizations from Sudan, stating that the step had “resulted in the termination of the peace talks” between the two respective parties. (*Sudan Vision, Al-Sahafa, Al-Sahafa*)

SPLM urges “compromise” regarding NGOs

The Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) has called on both the government and the international community to “reach a compromise” concerning the expulsion of aid organizations in Sudan, requesting that the Government of National Unity “consider what would be in the best interest of the people of Darfur.” Speaking to reporters, the SPLM’s Northern Sector Secretary-General, Yasir Arman, said that “the Government of Southern

Sudan had not been consulted by Khartoum when it decided to expel the 13 foreign aid organizations.” (*MirayaFM*)

Further clashes between Fallata and Habbaniya

A recent outbreak of clashes between the Falata and Habbaniya tribes of Southern Darfur have resulted in more than 30 casualties on both sides. A reconciliation meeting between the two tribes has been scheduled for the end of this week to end the dispute between the two tribes. State security officials have deployed their forces in the region in order to avoid further escalations. (*Al-Watan*)

Russia encouraged to invest in Sudan

Sudanese Minister of Finance and National Economy, Awad Al-Jaz, met with the Russian Ambassador to Sudan yesterday to discuss economic cooperation between Sudan and Russia. Al-Jaz encouraged Russia to invest in the oil, gas and services sectors in Sudan, affirming Sudan’s “wish to expand the scope of cooperation between both countries.” (*The Citizen*)

“SPLM miscalculates its tactical alliances”

An unsigned editorial in *Sudan Vision* claims that the SPLM is “trying to benefit from the impact of the ICC on the Sudanese political arena” in making its “usual miscalculations” to form “tactical alliances” with small opposition parties “rather than its actual partner, the National Congress Party (NCP)... thinking that the ICC arrest will lead to the collapse of the NCP.”

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