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## **Salahuddin meets with British Envoy to Sudan**

Yesterday, Sudanese Presidential Advisor Ghazi Salahuddin met with the British Special Envoy to Sudan, Michael O'Neil, to "discuss issues of mutual concern, such as the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), the elections, and Sudanese/Chadian relations." During the meeting, O'Neil referred to the ongoing peace talks in Doha, to which he affirmed Britain's full support. Responding to reporters on Britain's stance towards the International Criminal Court issue, O'Neil argued that "Sudan must find a way to overcome the ICC issue and to deal with the court." Salahuddin asserted that "Britain's supportive stance with regard to the ICC was the biggest hurdle standing in the way of the Sudanese/British bilateral relations." (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Ahdath*)

## **Parliament criticizes Sudan's Foreign Minister**

Chairperson of the National Assembly Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Tahir strongly criticized Sudanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Deng Alor for "failing to show up" at a parliamentary session yesterday. Even though the Ministry was represented by Foreign Minister of State Al-Sammani Al-Wasila, Al-Tahir brought the session to a halt, stating that Alor's absence was "unacceptable" and "questionable" if repeated." (*Al-Ahdath, Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

## **Gosh reaffirms his support for Al-Bashir**

Speaking at a graduation ceremony held by the Higher Security Academy, National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) Chief Salah Abdallah Gosh reaffirmed NISS's support to Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir, saying that the "security organs were ready to face any security threats facing the nation." (*Al-Ahdath*)

## **UNAMID discusses security issues with NISS**

Head of the joint United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) Rodolphe Adada met with NISS chief Salah Gosh yesterday to "discuss the latest security developments in Darfur." UNAMID's chief affirmed that the security situation in Darfur "is relatively calm now and that security patrols are being conducted throughout the area." (*Sudan Vision*)

## **GoS downplays ICC chief's tour to Africa**

The Government of Sudan (GoS) downplayed the current tour being made by the president of the ICC, Sang-Hyun Song, to Africa, which is "being made in order to rally African support for the Court's decision to arrest President Al-Bashir." The Sudanese government said that the trip is a "desperate attempt on Song's part, since Sudan has the African Union's full support." The visit comes as African ICC members are scheduled to meet next week to discuss withdrawing from the court as a form of protest to the arrest warrant issued against the Sudanese president. (*Rai-Al-Shaab, SudanTribune.com*)

## **New foreign exchange control**

The Central Bank of Sudan has instructed money exchange companies to refrain from performing monetary transactions for the diplomatic corps as well as international nongovernmental organizations. According to the new regulations, all bodies must process their exchanges through national commercial banks rather than independent monetary institutions. (*Sudan Vision*).

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