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Al-Bashir attends COMESA summit in Zimbabwe

- Yesterday, Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir travelled to Zimbabwe to participate in the 13th Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) summit. President Al-Bashir was received at the airport by the Vice President of Zimbabwe and the Sudanese Ambassador to Harare. (*Akhbar Al-Youm, Al-Sudani*)

- The international media has reportedly referred to Al-Bashir's visit to Harare as "another attempt by the Sudanese president to defy the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the arrest warrant issued against him." (*Al-Ayam*)

Sudan tops the Egyptian-American dialogue

- Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abu Al-Ghaith confirmed that Sudan was "at the top of the agenda" of issues discussed during U.S. President Obama's recent trip to Cairo. (*Al-Sahafa, Al-Ayam*)

UNSC refrains to respond to ICC memo

- The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has refrained from commenting on the memorandum submitted by the ICC Chief Prosecutor requesting the council "to put pressure on the Sudanese government to cooperate with the court in The Hague." Head of the Sudanese Bar Association Fathi Khalil affirmed that "the UNSC would not pass a resolution over the memo as nine out of fifteen of the council's members supported Sudan." (*Sudan Vision*)

- Khartoum stated that the UNSC's stance towards the ICC memo "proves that the international community is willing to engage in Sudan's efforts to achieve peace and stability in Darfur." (*Al-Ahdath*)

Senior SPLM member forms new political faction

- Former Foreign Minister and senior leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), Lam Akol, announced the formation of a new political faction which he called "SPLM/Democratic Change." Akol "lashed out" with "strong criticism" of the SPLM's leader, Salva Kiir, alleging that the leaders of the SPLM have "lost their direction" and are "supporting corruption." Lam Akol stated that his new party would "form alliances with northern political parties that support the Comprehensive Peace Agreement." (*Sudan News Agency, Akhir Lahza*)

- *Al-Sudani* quoted SPLM's Secretary General Pagan Amum as accusing the action of being "a plot masterminded by the National Congress Party."

Masar: Doha will not solve Darfur

Sudanese Presidential Advisor Abdallah Ali Masar has claimed that the Doha talks "will not solve the crisis in Darfur as long as the people of Darfur are not included in the agreements." Masar affirmed that the Doha talks will "only end in the signing of an agreement between the Sudanese government and armed movements," a process he referred to as "agreements for distributing pillage." (*Al-Khartoum*)

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