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## **Egypt advises Khartoum not to be “confrontational”**

The Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has advised Sudanese President Al-Bashir not to adopt a “confrontational” attitude with the new Obama Administration. This came in an Egyptian newspaper, *Al-Akhabar* that quoted Mubarak warning Al-Bashir that it “would be better for Khartoum to resort to objective dialogue with Washington should the touchy issues between both parties remain.” The same article further quoted the Egyptian President that he would work to improve the Sudanese-American relations at a later time. (*Al-Rai-Al-Aam, Sudan Vision*).

## **Japan writes off its debts to Sudan**

By way of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between both the Government of Sudan and Japan, the Japanese Government has decided to cancel 28 million US dollars of Sudan’s debt to Japan. Sudanese Minister of Finance and National Economy expressed his gratitude to the government of Japan stating that “Sudan has been waiting for the international community to cancel its debts to Sudan in support of Sudan adding that he hoped other countries will follow in the footsteps of the Japanese. Meanwhile, the Japanese Ambassador to Sudan, Yuichi Ishii, said that his government has been considering foregoing the debt since the signing of the CPA. in accordance with UN resolutions. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Wifaq, Al-Ayam*)

## **ICC Prosecutor pressures Ugandan Government**

-International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor Luis-Moreno Ocampo is allegedly putting “great pressure” on the Ugandan government, to pledge its commitment to the ICC decision to indict the Sudanese President Al-Bashir. This would mean defying a resolution recently passed by the African

Union Summit in Serte, Libya that the AU “would not co-operate” with the ICC to arrest Al-Bashir on African territory. Speaking at a joint press conference with the Ugandan State Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Chief ICC Prosecutor stated that “he expects Uganda to honor its’ obligations toward the ICC.” However, the Ugandan Minister failed to comment. (*Al-Ayam*)

- An article published in *Al-Sahafa* stated that the Government of Sudan strongly criticized the Government of Uganda for failing to announce its position towards the ICC’s decision against the Sudanese President. The Government of Sudan said that “Uganda should be aware of the dangerous consequences of the ICC decision over African nations” adding that “the President has no intention of travelling to Uganda in the first place.”

## **GOSS dispatches military brigade to Abyei**

The Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) has dispatched a military intelligence brigade to join the Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) forces in Abyei, in preparation for the awaited arbitral decision in the Hague with regard to the border dispute in Abyei. GOSS Minister of Presidential Affairs Luka Biong said that “any delay in the announcement of the court decision will be considered evasion on the part of the National Congress party” adding that this “will result in escalation of violence in the region.” (*Sudan Vision, Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

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