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Al-Bashir Warns NGOs: Work Within Mandate

Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir returned last night from his trip to Doha and Jeddah. He was met at the airport by huge crowds. In a press conference at the airport he repeated that he is not afraid of threats and that the decision to expel foreign NGOs is irrevocable because “they broke the mandate given to them.” He added, “we expelled 10 of the 86 foreign NGOs operating in Darfur, some of which are American, French and British. Even the NGOs not currently affected by the expulsion list will be kicked out if they overstep their boundaries and transgress national security.” (*Alray Alaam and others*)

Sudanese Red Cross Forms Emergency Aid Plan

Sudanese Red Cross Organization established an emergency plan for humanitarian aid in Darfur. All members of the organization and outside volunteers called for support to humanitarian aid. (*Al-Sudani*)

Objection to France’s to Arab League Stance

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) rejects protest by France of Arab support to Sudan expressed at recent summit meeting in Doha. MFA Spokesperson Ali Al-Sadig objected to Paris expressing its viewpoint as it is not a member of the Arab League. Al-Sadig added that it is better for France to concentrate on efforts to reach peace in Darfur rather than criticizing the Arab League over its decisions. (*Al-Watan*).

Sudan Open to Listening to Special Envoy

MFA Spokesperson Ali Al-Sadig declared that the U.S. Special Envoy Scott Gration will arrive early

this morning and will be engaged in meetings with government officials in Khartoum before his visit to Darfur, Abyei and Juba. The Special Envoy to Sudan will return to Khartoum after these visits to meet with Government of Sudan officials. Al-Sadig affirmed that Sudanese-American remain strained as before due to some complications, such as the United States inclusion of Sudan on the list of State sponsors of terrorism. Al-Sadig pointed out that the United States has failed to provide evidence of any connection between Sudan and terrorism or Sudan’s support of terrorist organizations. Al-Sadig added the Government of Sudan will raise with the Special Envoy the issues of Darfur, foreign intervention in the problem of Darfur, support for the rebel groups, and the Chadian role in the crisis. He added that Sudan will listen to General Gration’s vision on the stated issues and will work toward improving the Sudanese-American dialogue.

(*Al-Intibaha and others*)

Al-Basir to Visit Zalingi, West Darfur

Sudanese President Al-Bashir will visit Zalingi, in West Darfur State, on April 7, to participate in meetings with state officials, including the state Council of Ministers. (*Ajras Al-Hurriya*)

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