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## Arab League summit possible in Khartoum

An Arab League spokesperson told reporters in Doha that Arab leaders are examining a proposal to hold a “special summit” of the Arab League in Khartoum. The summit’s objectives are aimed at standing in solidarity with Al-Bashir over the International Criminal Court (ICC)’s decision on March 4 to issue an arrest warrant for Al-Bashir, and pushing forward the peace process in Darfur. (*Al-Ayam, Khartoum Monitor*)

## MFA: “Obama must live up to his promises”

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has urged the Obama administration to “reconsider the U.S. stance” on Sudan by “contacting primary sources” for information. Abdel Basit Badawi, the head of the Bilateral Relations Department at the Sudanese MFA said that he hoped that “President Obama will live up to his promises of change in dealing with Sudanese issues by removing misunderstandings with Islamic countries.” Badawi added that “Sudan is ready to respond positively if the United States is willing to genuinely opt for a change in its policy toward Sudan.” (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Watan, Al-Intibaha*)

## OIC urges ICC and UNSC to cancel indictment

The Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) requested on Friday that the ICC cancel its decision against Sudanese leader Omer Al-Bashir. The OIC also sought the support of the United Nations Security Council, urging the body to “take the necessary measures” to stop the warrant. (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Rai-Al-Aam*)

## Assassination threat on Abyei minister

Elements from the Dinka tribe have allegedly threatened to assassinate Magid Bak, a minister in the Abyei administration who is required to provide evidence on the Abyei dispute currently under arbitration by the tribunal in The Hague. Bak told reporters that he had received threats last week and was asked by the group not to provide his testimony before the court. (*Al-Watan, Al-Ayam, Al-Intibaha*)

## MFA considers raid a “breach of sovereignty”

-According to an article on *MirayaFM*, the Director of Protocol at the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs told reporters that the Sudanese government had not yet finalized a decision with regards to the alleged Israeli air-raid incident in eastern Sudan earlier this year. According to various press reports, the attack was “an attempt to deter weapon dealers from smuggling weapons into Gaza.” The Sudanese official described the attack as a “breach on the country's sovereignty.”

-Meanwhile, an article published in *Al-Khartoum* cites MFA spokesperson Ali Al-Sadig as saying that the Sudanese government is “in the process of announcing its official stance towards the Israeli air-raid in eastern Sudan.” Other officials from the Sudanese MFA have denied press reports that Egypt has deployed troops on its borders with Sudan to avoid the smuggling of weapons through its borders.

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