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Russia: International Community Unwilling to End ICC Crisis

The Russian Envoy to Sudan, Mikhael Margilof, has described the ICC decision as untimely. He added that his government is dealing with Al-Bashir as the legal president of Sudan. He also criticized the expulsion of NGOs and doubted that the international community would solve the Darfur issue in the coming two months. (*Al-Ahdath*)

UNICEF Will Cover Work of Expelled NGOs

UNICEF has announced its readiness for working in the field of providing water in the Kabkabiya locality, in North Darfur State, where expelled NGO Oxfam used to operate. UNICEF also declared its willingness to recruit all Sudanese national employees of Oxfam. (*Al-Ahdath*)

Government Denies Sima Samar Visitor's Visa

The government of Sudan has rejected a request by Special Human Rights Reporter to Sudan Sima Samar to visit the country. The chairperson of human rights in the Sudanese Parliament, Hamato Mukhtar, has asked Samar to postpone her visit, as the current environment is not suitable. (*Al-Ray Alaam*)

U.S. Special Envoy Assesses Situation in Abyei

U.S. Special Envoy General Scott Gration visited Abyei and Agok yesterday to evaluate the situation. Chargé d'Affaires Alberto Fernandez stated that the Special Envoy met with the transitional administration of Abyei and discussed issues concern to the population of the area. (*Al-Sudani*)

China Will Resist ICC in the Security Council

Chinese Ambassador to Sudan Lee Chang said that China is seeking a strong and appropriate solution to counter the International Criminal Court (ICC)

decision within the Security Council. He indicated that China would work not only with Russia but

with the entire international community, regardless of China's interests. China's interests with the West will not interfere with its support for Sudan. (*Akhir Lahza*)

Sudan Will Investigate Killings in Darfur

Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir said in Zalengi yesterday that the government is committed to paying individual and group compensation for those who have been affected by the war and to helping the returnees settle back home. Al-Bashir reiterated his refusal to bring back the expelled NGOs and his wish for continued negotiations in order to attain peace in Darfur. (*Ajras Al-Hurriya*)

Sudan Unaware of Egyptian Darfur Initiative

Presidential Advisor Mustafa Osman Ismail declared that "there is no Egyptian Darfur initiative of which the Government of Sudan is aware nor any intention by Cairo to invite armed groups for negotiations with the Sudanese government to solve the crisis in Darfur." Mustafa Osman Ismail pointed out that among several proposals for solving the issue, the Egyptians envision holding an international conference, an idea that the Sudanese government has rejected. (*Al-Ayyam*)

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