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## **Al-Bashir addresses retired officers**

Addressing a group of retired officers on Wednesday, Sudanese President Omer Al-Bashir stated that “the International Criminal Court (ICC) allegations are nothing but an attempt to overthrow the present regime and to replace it with a conspirator to serve the objectives of foreign agendas.” Al-Bashir went on to add that “peace will be realized in Darfur despite the conspiracies aimed at hindering the process.” (*Sudan News Agency, Al-Intibaha*)

## **SAF regains control over Muhajirria**

According to Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) Spokesperson Osman Mohamed Al-Aghbash, the SAF has regained control over Muhajirria and has overcome the Justice and Equality (JEM) rebels who fled from the area. Al-Agbash said that his forces were “still searching the area in pursuit of remaining rebel movements in the region.” (*Al-Intibaha, Al-Watan*)

## **Humanitarian relief to Western Equatoria State**

The Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs has announced that it will start a relief effort today to transport food and other basic items to civilians affected by attacks by the Lord’s Resistance Army in Western Equatoria State. (*Khartoum Monitor*)

## **SLM leader visits Israel**

According to “diplomatic sources,” Sudan Liberation Movement / Abdul Wahid faction leader, Abdul Wahid Mohammed Nur, has left Paris on a “secret tour to Israel.” Ibrahim Bushara, a leading member of the faction, told reporters that the movement had a liaison office in Israel and that

“Nur has the right to seek political support anywhere,” even though Bushara “refused to elaborate” on the reason behind the visit. (*Al - Intibaha, Al-Ayam*)

## **SPLM reform group sends memo to Salva Kiir**

A reform group from the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) northern sector has sent a memorandum to SPLM Leader Salva Kiir complaining about the “existence of political corruption in the northern sector. The memorandum alleges that Yasir Arman, the head of SPLM’s northern sector, appoints secretariats in northern Sudan without referring to other party members. The group claims that the secretariats are formed in this way to create a lobbying group loyal to Arman to help serve his own agendas. (*Al-Khartoum*)

## **Editorial: “African Union on wrong course”**

A commentary on *SudanTribune.com* by Steve Paterno, states that “once again the African Union has proven to be moving in the wrong direction from the principles it ought to adhere. For over fifty years, the five-decade-old continental organization still shows that it has been created to solely protect ruthless African dictators.” Paterno was referring to the recent African Union Annual Summit held in Ethiopia which he proclaims was “chaired by yet another dictator, the Libyan Muammar Gaddafi.”

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