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GoS rejects ICC's remanding of genocide charges

The Government of Sudan (GoS) rejected a decision by the International Criminal Court to remand a case filed by International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor Louis Moreno-Ocampo against Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir to include genocide charges. Yesterday the ICC Appeals Court ordered the case back to the Pre-Trial Chamber for review, stating that the judges of the Pre-Trial Chamber did not have enough evidence to drop charges of genocide from the arrest warrant against Al-Bashir. Sudan's State Minister of Information, Kamal Al-Obeid called the decision "an attempt to hinder the upcoming elections as well as the Doha peace negotiations on Darfur." (*MirayaFM, Al-Akhbar*)

Al-Bashir discusses Darfur with Qatar Emir

Sudanese President Al-Bashir met with the Emir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, in Doha to discuss the status of the Doha peace talks on Darfur currently taking place there. (*Al-Guwat Al-Mslha*)

Deby to visit Sudan next week

Chadian President Idris Deby is scheduled to visit Sudan next week to meet with President Al-Bashir in an attempt to restore friendly relations between Sudan and Chad. According to the article, Agence France Presse (AFP) quoted Deby as mentioning at a parliamentary conference that he was planning to visit Khartoum on February 8, although Khartoum had not yet been informed. (*Sudan Vision, Al-Akhbar*)

Al-Jaz Meets U.S. Envoy to Sudan

Sudanese Minister of Finance Awad Ahmed Al-Jaz, met with the U.S. Envoy to Sudan General Scott

Graton during his recent visit to Washington. The Sudanese official commended the U.S. Special Envoy's "positive stance towards Sudan." The purpose of the visit was to discuss Sudan's foreign debts. During the meeting, Al-Jaz briefed the U.S. official on positive developments in Sudan's economy as well as other issues of mutual concern. (*Sudan News Agency*)

UNAMID denies supporting JEM

The Joint United Nations/African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) strongly denied allegations made by the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) claiming that UNAMID is providing assistance to Darfur armed group, Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). Local newspapers in Khartoum had published articles that cited a SAF spokesperson as having accused the peacekeeping mission of allegedly "supplying JEM with food and equipment." (*Al-Midan, Khartoum Monitor*)

Darfur Movements reject merger with JEM

Darfuri armed movements currently participating in the Doha peace negotiations rejected a proposal by the JEM requesting a merger of Darfur movements to participate in talks under the JEM umbrella. The Secretary General of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Revolutionary Forces (SLM/RF), Mahgoub Hussain, rejected as totally unacceptable this request by JEM and indicated that his movement was ready to negotiate without being at the behest of JEM. (*Al-Guwat Al-Mslha*)

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