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US–Sudan relations

- State Department spokesman Tom Casey on Friday condemned reports of Sudanese government bombing raids on two villages in Darfur and demanded that such attacks be stopped. Casey stated that “the bombings killed two pregnant women and numerous livestock, destroyed many homes, and damaged a school.” The attacks took place in a part of Darfur controlled by a rebel faction that has not signed the Darfur peace agreement. Casey argued that the attack “called into question Sudan’s commitment to abandon a military strategy in Darfur and pursue a peaceful negotiated political settlement. The United States calls on the Sudanese government to end these attacks immediately and calls on all parties, including the rebel factions, to adhere to the cease-fire and refrain from further violence.” (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Sudani, Sudan Tribune*)

The International Criminal Court and Sudan

- Minister of Justice Ali Al-Mardi reiterated yesterday that Sudan rejects any rendition of former state minister of interior Ahmed Haroon to the International Criminal Court (ICC,) in connection with his involvement in atrocities in Darfur. Al-Mardi added that the “ICC has no authority to try Haroon. We have already explained to the ICC Prosecutor General Okambo that Sudan will not agree to try any Sudanese national outside Sudan.” (*Al-Sudani*)

Libya hosts summit on Darfur

- Libya on Friday hosted a two-day conference on Darfur, which, according to Libyan officials, aimed at “Exploring ways to persuade all of the groups fighting in Darfur to sign a comprehensive peace agreement.” During the opening session, Libyan

President Muammar Gadhafi urged African, Arab, and Western diplomats in his country to work with Sudanese rebels to find an immediate solution to the crisis. Gaddafi stated that “My advice is to lay down a final agenda for solutions in the (Darfur) region that we all agree on, and whoever rejects it, he should be ignored and not be supported.” (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Ayaam, et al*)

Egypt announces willingness to deploy troops to Darfur

Egypt Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said in a statement to the UN on Saturday that Egypt has informed the United Nations that it is ready to contribute several hundred troops as part of a UN support package to bolster the African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Sahafa*)

Committee investigating Al-Mohandiseen incident submits report to the President

- The national investigating committee responsible for investigating the incident in Al-Mohandiseen, in Omdurman in which police last month clashed with members of the Sudan Liberation Movement, yesterday submitted its final report to President Al-Bashir. The report was compiled after listening to 40 witnesses, including Senior Assistant to the President Minnawi and presidential advisor Dr. Magzoub Al-Khalifa. (*Sudan Vision*)

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