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Visit of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the Arab Republic of Egypt:

Ahramonline

Sisi, Bashir sign partnership agreement,15 MoUs in high committee meetings¹

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Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi and Sudan's President Omar Al-Bashir in Cairo for bilateral high committee meetings on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. (Photo: Ahram)

Ahram Online , Wednesday 5 Oct 2016

Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi and Sudan's President Omar Al-Bashir signed a comprehensive partnership agreement on Wednesday in Cairo during bilateral high committee meetings, Al-Ahram Arabic website reported.

Fifteen memoranda of understanding were also signed on the sidelines of the meetings in various fields including commerce, education, tourism, economy, transportation and agriculture.

El-Sisi awarded the Sudanese president the Egyptian army's Order of Honour Star for his participation with Sudanese army units in the 6 October War in 1973 and the War of Attrition after 1967.

In opening remarks during the ceremony, El-Sisi said that "a comprehensive strategy between the two countries shall enhance cooperation and further progress in all fields."

¹ Available at <http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/245252/Egypt/Politics-/Sisi,-Bashir-sign-partnership-agreement,-MoUs-in-h.aspx> last accessed 11 April 2017

He added that Egypt and Sudan face similar regional and international challenges, stressing the importance of cooperation to counter "extremism and terrorism."

This is the first time since 2011, when the committee was founded, that the two presidents have headed its meetings.

In previous years, the proceedings were chaired at the prime ministerial level.

The Egyptian-Sudanese high committee consists of sub-committees for military affairs, policy and security, economics and finance, transportation, education, culture, health, water resources and agriculture.

The Egyptian president stressed Cairo's support for all efforts to achieve peace and stability in Sudan, adding that Egypt will exert its utmost effort to support Sudan's sovereignty and prosperity.

On his part, Al-Bashir called for strengthening bilateral cooperation within a practical framework and mechanisms to maintain the security of the two countries, given the regional circumstances.

Sudan's president added that the meetings were "positive" and reflect the "special" bilateral relations between the two countries.

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Sisi receives Omar El-Bashir at Cairo Airport²



Sudanese President Omar El-Bashir has arrived on Wednesday in Cairo in a several-day official visit.

President Abdel Fatah Al-Sisi received his Sudanese Counterpart at Cairo international airport.

² Available at <http://en.el-balad.com/2307940> last accessed 5 April 2017.

It is scheduled that both presidents will discuss ways to boost bilateral cooperation between both countries in addition to important regional and international issues.

It is expected that Arqin port with Sudan will be opened soon in the presence of president Sisi and his Sudanese counterpart Al-Bashir.

Visit of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the State of Qatar:

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الدوحة يـ صل الـ بشير³

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³ Available at

<http://www.lusailnews.qa/article/31/10/2016/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8%D8%B4%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D9%8A%D8%B5%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%88%D8%AD%D8%A9> last accessed 5 April 2017

⁴ Available at <http://www.al-sharq.com/news/details/452102> last accessed 5 April 2017

Visits of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

Sudan's Bashir in Saudi Arabia for talks with king Salman

Text of report by state-owned Sudanese radio on 24 October

[Newscaster] The president of the republic, Field Marshal Omar el-Bashir, today started an official visit to Saudi Arabia. The minister of foreign affairs, Professor Ibrahim Ghandour, said, during the visit President El-Bashir will hold talks with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

The talks between the two leaders will focus on the advanced bilateral relations and the regional and international issues of common concern.

Source: Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 1200 gmt 24 Oct 16

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Middle East Monitor

Sudanese president visits Saudi Arabia for talks, confirming military and economic links⁵

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Sudanese President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir was due to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Sunday, where he is scheduled to meet with King Salman Bin Abdulaziz, Okaz newspaper has reported.

Local sources said that the two leaders will discuss bilateral relations between their countries. There will be a focus on the economic situation as well as regional and international developments.

The visit is seen widely as a gesture of gratitude to Saudi Arabia by Al-Bashir; it has played a vital role in the lifting of the economic sanctions imposed on Sunday by the US.

Sudan has been very supportive of Saudi Arabia and its regional plans. In early 2015 Khartoum announced its solidarity with Riyadh after the attack on the Saudi Embassy and Consulate in Tehran; it went as far as severing diplomatic ties with Tehran. Sudan also plays a strong role in the Saudi-led coalition of forces fighting Houthi rebels in Yemen.

⁵ Available at <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20170123-sudanese-president-visits-saudi-arabia-for-talks-confirming-military-and-economic-links/> last accessed 5 April 2017.

Last year, the Sudanese president was very keen to attend the conclusion of the Raad Al-Shamal (North Thunder) military exercise which began in northern Saudi Arabia on 14 February and concluded on 10 March. Twenty-one countries took part. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia and Sudan have just concluded a joint naval exercise named Alfalak 2 at King Faisal Naval Base, involving the Saudi Western Fleet.

President Al-Bashir has stressed on more than one occasion that Saudi Arabia's security comes before Sudan's because it is the home of the Two Holy Mosques in Makkah and Madinah.

On the economic front, in November 2015 Sudan and Saudi Arabia signed four framework agreements related to agriculture, electricity, drinking water and dams. The first agreement included the building of a power station in Sudan's Red Sea Province. The second agreement pertains to the provision of water in Sudan's rural areas as per its 2015-2020 plan, as well as the funding of the Kajbar, Dal and Al-Shiraik dams.

Khartoum center

President Al Bashir leaves to Saudi Arabia⁶

January 23, 2017 11:15 am by: abdulazeem Category: News Leave a comment A+ / A-



The Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir Monday morning left Khartoum the Capital of Sudan on his way to Saudi Arabia in a several-day visit, during which he will hold talks with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, and numbers of officials in the government of the Kingdom. The meeting will discuss the bilateral relations and regional issues between the two countries.

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⁶ Available at <http://www.khartoumcenter.com/en/president-al-bashir-leaves-to-saudi-arabia/> last accessed 5 April 2017.

Visit of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the Kingdom of Morocco:

Sudan News Agency

President Al-Bashir Receives Written Message from King of Morocco⁷

Khartoum, Sep. 5 (SUNA)- President of the Republic, Field Marshal Omer Al-Bashir, has received a written message from the King of Morocco, Mohammed VI, dealing with the bilateral relations and means of consolidating them further.

The message included invitation to President Al-Bashir to participate in the 22nd UN Conference of States Parties on climate, scheduled in Morocco in next November.

The message was handed to President Al-Bashir by the Ambassador of Morocco to Sudan, Mohamed Maal-Aynain, Monday at the Republican Palace.

In a press statement, the Ambassador of Morocco has appreciated the outstanding role of Sudan in supporting Morocco.

He said that Morocco's hosting to the summit will be an important step for intensifying and uniting efforts to reactivate the climate policies in Africa.

Sudan Tribune

Sudan's Bashir travels to Morocco for climate change conference⁸

November 14, 2016 (KHARTOUM) - Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir on Monday has travelled to Morocco to participate in the UN climate change conference (COP22) in Marrakech.

Last September, Morocco's ambassador to Khartoum Mohamed Maa al-Ainain handed al-Bashir a written letter from the Moroccan monarch inviting him to attend the conference.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued two arrest warrants against President al-Bashir in 2009 and 2010 for alleged war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Darfur.

However, he has continued to travel freely in Africa, Arab countries and Asia, defying the ICC arrest warrants. Last year he visited India and China.

⁷ Available at <http://suna-sd.net/suna/showNews/305564/en> last accessed 5 September

⁸ Available at <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article60842> last accessed 5 April 2017.

Morocco is not a state party to the Rome Statute of the ICC and therefore has no obligation to arrest al-Bashir.

It is noteworthy that al-Bashir was accompanied by the Minister of the Presidency Fadl Abdulla Fadl, Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ghandour, Agriculture Minister Ibrahim Al-Dikhairi and Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Muataz Musa.

The COP22 will determine what action needs to be taken to combat climate change once the Paris Agreement comes into effect.

The conference, which is taking place in Morocco from 7 to 18 November with the participation of delegates from 196 countries, will be crucial in helping African countries manage the effects of climate change.

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الخرطوم- ميعاد مبارك

سلم سفير المملكة المغربية بالخرطوم الدكتور "محمد ماء العينين"، وزير الخارجية بروفيسور "إبراهيم غندور" أمس (الأحد)، بمباني الوزارة دعوة موجهة لرئيس الجمهورية "عمر البشير" من ملك المغرب "محمد السادس" للمشاركة في قمة أفريقيا للمناخ والتي ستعقد بمراكش يوم 12/نوفمبر/ 2016م وذلك في إطار الدورة (22) لمؤتمر الدول الأطراف في اتفاقية الأمم المتحدة حول التغيرات المناخية (كوب22).
وقال المتحدث الرسمي باسم وزارة الخارجية السفير "قريب الله الخضر" في تصريحات صحفية أمس، إن اللقاء بحث أوجه التعاون القائم بين البلدين الشقيقين في مختلف المجالات، وقدم الوزير التهنئة للمملكة المغربية بنجاح الانتخابات التشريعية التي شهدتها مؤخراً.

⁹ Available at <http://almeghar.com/permalink/41730.html>, last accessed on XXX

Visits of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia:

Sudan Tribune

Sudan's Bashir takes part in African Union meeting on Libyan crisis¹⁰

November 8, 2016 (KHARTOUM) - Sudan's President Omer Hassan al-Bashir travelled on Tuesday to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa where seven African leaders meet at the African Union headquarter to launch a new initiative to solve the 5-year-old Libyan crisis.



President Omer al-Bashir speaking at the opening of the second parliamentary session 19 Oct 2015 (Photo SUNA)

The meeting of the African Union Panel on Libya on Tuesday discusses outcomes and measures of meetings held previously in Algiers, New York and Vienna on the Libyan crisis.

Al-Bashir was accompanied by a high level delegation including Foreign Affairs Minister Ibrahim Ghandour, Minister of Presidential Affairs Fadl Abdallah Fadl, Director of the National Intelligence and Security (NISS) Gen. Mohamed Atta, and Director of the Presidential office General Taha Osman.

According to the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA), the delegation was received by the AU Commissioner for Peace and Security Ismael Sharfi and the chief of protocol at the Ethiopian foreign ministry.

For his part, Sudanese Ministry Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Ambassador Garib Allah Khidir said that the meeting is held at AU headquarters with the participation of the leader of Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Niger and Chad, as well as representatives of the five regions of Africa.

¹⁰ Available at <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article60792> , last accessed on 5 April 2017

In the light of the report which is presented by the AU Commissioner for Peace and Security, the meeting would seek the appropriate ways to strengthen the ongoing efforts to restore stability and security to Libya.

In her speech to the meeting African Union chairperson, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, said that 2.4 million Libyans are in need of humanitarian assistance. She added that inter-factional fighting forced some 350,000 people to flee their areas.

"The economic situation in Libya is equally dire with destruction of infrastructure leading to a dangerously low oil production. This situation cannot continue," Zuma said.

Sudan vision daily

AU High Level Summit on Development in Libya in Addis Ababa, Al Bashir Leads Sudan's Delegation¹¹

Wednesday, 09 November 2016



Khartoum- President of the Republic Omer Al Bashir yesterday headed to Addis Ababa accompanied by a number of Ministers to take part in the Emergency Summit called for by President of the African Union Idriss Deby on the Libyan issue where a number of Presidents are to attending the summit.

President Al Bashir was seen off at Khartoum airport by the First Vice President of the Republic Bakri Hassan Saleh along with a number of the senior officials of the state.

¹¹Available at <http://www.sudanvisiondaily.com/index.php/new-posts/local-news/1484-au-high-level-summit-on-development-in-libya-in-addis-ababa-al-bashir-leads-sudan-s-delegation> last accessed 11 April 2017

It is noteworthy that Khartoum is leading initiatives for solving the Libyan crisis and has seen meeting between Sudanese and Libyan officials for reviewing the crisis.

The Sudanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Ibrahim Ghandour has affirmed during his meeting with the Libyan Minister of Foreign Affairs and International cooperation Mohamed Tahir Siala at the sidelines of the meetings of the United Nations' General Assembly in New York, that Sudan will harness its potentials to help the Libyan brothers.

The Libyan National Accord Government is struggling for the prevalence of its power which was ripped by political and armed disputes a matter that imposes additional challenges on the Libyan government while attempt to inflict defeat on ISIS hardliners.

The Libyan crisis and its developments will be at the centre of the meeting with a view to supporting the process for peaceful resolution of the crisis.

Minister of Maghreb Affairs, African Union and Arab League Abdelkader Messahel will represent the Algerian President at the meeting said that the meeting will be an opportunity to assess the regional and international efforts for the resolution of the crisis in the country.

The AU High-Level meeting on Libya is part of meetings and international efforts for the resolution of the political and security crisis in Libya, like New York meeting on 21 September and Algiers meeting on 7 December.

Several countries that participated in the ninth ministerial meeting of Libya's Neighboring Countries will also partake in Addis Ababa's meeting.

Sudan Tribune

Sudan's Bashir travels to Addis Ababa for IGAD meeting¹²

December 8, 2016 (KHARTOUM) - Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir Thursday arrived in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa to take part in a meeting of the head of states and governments de the East African regional body, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

On Thursday morning al-Bashir left Khartoum to Harar city the capital of Harari regional state, to attend the Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Day (NNPD) annual festival together with Ethiopian prime minister and Djiboutian president.

¹² Available at <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article61060>, Last accessed on : 9 December 2016

The IGAD summit will discuss on Friday the situation in South Sudan and Somalia. Bashir also is expected to hold bilateral meeting with the IGAD leaders to discuss bilateral relations and issues of common concern.

The president is accompanied by a delegation including Presidential Affairs Minister Fadel Abdallah Fadel, and Director of National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) Mohamed Atta. Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ghandour will join them in Addis Ababa Friday for the IGAD meeting.

Speaking at the 11th NNP Day festival in Harari regional state, Al-Bashir pointed to the deep rooted relations between the people in Ethiopia and Sudan, adding that the people to people relations positivity impacted all the other aspects between the two countries.

"The joint committees of the two nations are helping in advancing the economic collaboration," he said.

Cultural shows and dances of the various nations, nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia were the key features of the annual festival, said the Ethiopian News Agency.

All Africa

Sudan: President Al-Bashir to Head Sudan Delegation for 28th Ordinary African Union's Summit in Addis Ababa¹³

29 January 2017 Khartoum — President of the Republic, Field Marshal Omer Al-Bashir, is to leave Monday for Addis Ababa heading Sudan delegation for participation in the Ordinary African Union's Summit, scheduled during January 30 - 31.

The summit will discuss a report on reform at the African Union and the annual report of the Chairman African Union's Commission on its activities during January until December 2016.

The Ordinary African Union's summit will review the application of Morocco for the African Union's membership and elect a new chairman of the African Union's Commission out of five candidates from Botswana, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya and Senegal, besides election of the African Union Commission's Deputy Chairman, eight commissioners at the AU Commission, two judges for the African Union's Human Rights Court, eleven members of the AU's Consultative Council for Corruption Combating and one member of the African Committee for International Law, affiliated to the African Union.

¹³ Available at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201701310089.html> last accesses 11 April 2017

Sudan Tribune

Sudan's Bashir to participate in the upcoming African Union summit¹⁴

January 24, 2016 (KHARTOUM) - President Omer al-Bashir will lead the Sudanese delegation participating in the 26th African Union head of states and governments summit scheduled to take place 30-31 of January 2016, at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa.



Sudanese President Omer Hassan al-Bashir at the African Union (AU) summit in Johannesburg on Sunday June 14, 2015 (Gianluigi Guercia/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images)

The theme of the Summit is: “ 2016: African Year of Human Rights with particular focus on the Rights of Women”.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Ali al-Sadiq on Sunday said Sudan will take part in the different ministerial meetings and the ordinary session of the Executive Council.

Al-Sadiq further said the annual summit will discuss among others, the exit strategy of the African Union United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA).

The Sudanese foreign minister Ibrahim Ghandour will participate in the meeting of Executive Council on 27-28 January. It will be preceded by a ministerial retreat on 24 and 25 January 2016 in Mekele, Ethiopia.

President Bashir will participate in a meeting of the heads of state and government members of the African Union Peace and Security Council that will be held on the sidelines of the summit.

¹⁴ Available at <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article57800> last accessed 11 April 2017

New Business Ethiopia

Sudan President Al Bashir to visit Ethiopia on Tuesday¹⁵

April 3, 2017

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President Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir of Sudan is expected to visit Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on Tuesday for an official visit, Sudanese media reported.

Following the arrest warrant issued by ICC in March 4, 2009, international travel of Al Bashir has been limited to certain countries, mainly non-ICC member states.

Until Omar Al Bashir is arrested and transferred to the seat of the Court in The Hague, the case will remain in the Pre-Trial stage. The ICC does not try individuals unless they are present in the courtroom, according to ICC which issued the second arrest warrant on July 12, 2010.

Meanwhile some countries including Ethiopia which is not an ICC member, have been hosting President Al Bashir. In mid June 2015 President Al Bashir has also traveled to an ICC member – South Africa, where ICC's attempt to arrest was failed.

Escaping Arrest

On June 14, South Africa's High Court issued an interim order that al-Bashir should not be permitted to leave South Africa absent further proceedings. On June 15, South Africa's High Court issued an order that South Africa was obligated to arrest al-Bashir. The court found that al-Bashir was not immune from arrest and that AU decisions that member countries should not cooperate in al-Bashir's arrest could not trump South Africa's obligation to cooperate with the ICC.

But by the time of the June 15 order, al-Bashir had left the country.

In October, the General Council of South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, issued a resolution as part of its annual meeting calling for South Africa "to begin the process of withdrawal of its membership of the ICC, preceded by the

¹⁵ Available at <http://newbusinessethiopia.com/sudan-president-visit-ethiopia-tuesday/> last accessed 11 April 2017

discussions that are taking place among the member states of the ICC and those taking place within the African Union on the ICC matter.”

The Charges

ICC has charged President Al Bashir for allegedly committing crimes against humanity, war crimes, and crimes of genocide in relation to the fight with armed groups in Darfur with several organised armed groups, in particular the Sudanese Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM).

The Prosecutor of Pre-trial Chamber found that there are reasonable grounds to believe that Omar Al Bashir acted with specific intent to destroy in part the Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa ethnic groups. President Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir has been Sudanese president and Commander-in-Chief of the Sudanese Army since October 16, 1993.

The International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur was established by former United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Kofi Annan pursuant the Security Council resolution 1564. The Commission reported to the UN in January 2005 that there was reason to believe that crimes against humanity and war crimes had been committed in Darfur and recommended that the situation be referred to the ICC.

Using its authority under the Rome Statute, the UN Security Council referred the situation in Darfur since 1 July 2002 to the Prosecutor of the ICC in resolution 1593 on 31 March 2005. Following the referral from the UN Security Council, the Prosecutor received the conclusion of the International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur.

In addition, the Office of the Prosecutor requested information from a variety of sources, leading to the collection of thousands of documents. The Prosecutor concluded that the statutory requirements for initiating an investigation were satisfied and decided to open the investigation on 6 June 2005.

Sudan Tribune

Sudan's Bashir to visit Ethiopia next week¹⁶

By Tesfa-Alem Tekle

April 1, 2017 (ADDIS ABABA) – The Sudanese President, Omar al-Bashir is scheduled to pay a working visit to neighboring Ethiopia next week, officials at the Ethiopian foreign affairs ministry disclosed on Saturday.

The ministry's spokesperson, Tewolde Mulgeta, told Sudan Tribune that Bashir will on Tuesday arrive in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, where he will hold meetings with Ethiopia's Prime Minister, Hailemariam Desalegn and other government officials.

The two leaders are expected to discuss a range of bilateral issues of common interest, mainly focused on evaluating the implementations of previously signed agreements and Memorandum of Understandings will be center of discussions between the two sides.

During the high level meeting, both Bashir and the Ethiopian Prime Minister will reportedly assess challenges and obstacles hindering to a speedy implementation of signed accords and will consult on ways how to fast track the joint projects in a clear time frame.

On Tuesday after noon, however, Hailemariam and Bashir are expected to sign bilateral agreements, which according to government officials would further elevate economic ties and deepen the historic bond of relations between the two neighbours.

Bashir is also expected to visit some of the industrial parks which Ethiopia is building as part of its efforts to transform its economy.

The two countries have lots of cooperation agreements, including on power, security, infrastructure, among other sectors.

¹⁶ Available at http://sudantribune.com/spip.php?iframe&page=imprimable&id_article=62076 last accessed 11 April 2017

Visits of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea:

Sudan Tribune

Bashir, Kiir agree to establish "hot line" to accelerate implementation of signed deals¹⁷



November 24, 2016 (KHARTOUM) - Sudanese and South Sudanese presidents agreed to communicate directly to solve problems the joint committees encounter in their discussions to implement the signed agreements between the two neighbouring countries.

Sudan President Omer al-Bashir and South Sudanese President Salva Kiir met on the sidelines of the 4th Africa-Arab Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea on Wednesday.

"The meeting was candid on the relationship between the two countries," said President Omer al-Bashir at the end of meeting according to a report by the official Sudan News Agency reported in the early morning of Thursday.

The Sudanese president said he and Kiir reiterated their commitment to implement the signed cooperation agreements, and that the joint committees should continue their meetings to ensure its enforcement.

He also disclosed that "it was agreed to communicate directly to remove all obstacles hampering the work of committees or any violation to these agreements," SUNA further reported.

Sudan recently said that the South Sudanese government continue to harbour and support Sudanese rebel groups. But, Juba said they ordered rebels to quit the country.

¹⁷ Available at <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article60929> , last accessed on 11 April 2017

Also, South Sudanese Defence Minister, Kuol Manyang Juuk, earlier this month said he ordered troops to withdraw from the joint border with the Sudan in line with security arrangements under the Cooperation Agreements the two countries signed on 27 September 2012.

Al-Bashir pointed to the importance of political stability in the two Sudans and its impact on the people of the two countries.

RiyadhVision

Sudan official denies rumors of Bashir's death¹⁸



A rumor had circulated on social media platforms claiming that the Sudanese president has died of a heart attack.

The office of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir denied rumors that the president has passed away of a heart attack.

Taha Othman, the director of Bashir's office, told Al-Arabiya.net that the president is in good health and is resuming his presidential tasks.

"I am sitting next to President Bashir in Morocco and enjoying the rain. We are getting ready to leave in a while to Guinea to participate in the Arab-African Summit," Othman said.

A rumor had circulated on social media platforms claiming that the Sudanese president has died of a heart attack.

The fourth Arab-African Summit will kick off on Wednesday in Guinea and last for two days.

¹⁸ Available at <http://www.riyadhvision.com.sa/2016/11/23/sudan-official-denies-rumors-of-bashirs-death/>, Last accessed on XXX

The summit will discuss several issues such as the burden of debts in Africa in addition to fighting terrorism, resolving conflicts and improving political coordination and cooperation among Arab and African leaders regarding major issues such as the Palestinian cause.

Visits of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the United Arab Emirates

Elfagr

¹⁹الإمارات رسمية زيارة يبدأ الـ سودانى الرئـيس ..غدا

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يتوجه الرئيس السودانى عمر البشير، غدا الجمعة، إلى دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة، فى زيارة رسمية تستغرق عدة أيام، يرافقه خلالها عدد من الوزراء.

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Sudanese Online

Al-Bashir Receives Message From Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi²⁰

Khartoum, Feb. 1 (SUNA) - The President of the Republic, Field Marshal Omer Al-Bashir, has received written message from Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy of Supreme Commander of Armed Forces in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Al-Sheikh Mohamed bin

¹⁹ Available at <http://www.elfagr.org/2468558> , Last accessed 16 February 2017.

²⁰ Available at <http://sudaneseonline.com/cgi-bin/esdb/2bb.cgi?seq=msg&board=10&msg=1485970532&func=newest> , last accessed 2 February 2017.

Zayed Al-Nahyan, inviting him to participate in 13th international defense conference and the accompanying exhibition during February 18 - 23.

The message was handed by the UAE Ambassador to Sudan, Hamad Mohamed Al-Ganaibi.

Sudan's President Bashir attends arms fair Idex in UAE²¹

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Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir, who is subject to arrest warrants for genocide and crimes against humanity, has attended the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (Idex) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

It is the first major weapons fair to be held in the Middle East since the United Nations' Arms Trade Treaty came into effect in December 2014.

The treaty aims to restrict the sale of weapons to countries with questionable human rights records, like Sudan, but is it having any effect?

The BBC's Howard Johnson reports for Middle East Business Report.

²¹ Available at <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-31658182>, last accessed 11 April 2017

Visits of Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Sudan Tribune

Sudan's Bashir invited to attend Arab Summit in Amman²²

January 9, 2017 (KHARTOUM) - Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir on Monday has received an invitation from King Abdullah II of Jordan to participate in the 28th Arab League Summit in Amman on March 29.



President Omer Hassan al-Bashir (AFP photo)

Last October, Jordan announced that it would host the 28th Arab League Summit after Yemen declined to host the annual meeting of the Arab leaders.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued two arrest warrants against President al-Bashir in 2009 and 2010 for alleged war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Darfur.

However, he has continued to travel freely in Africa, Arab countries and Asia, defying the ICC arrest warrants.

On Monday, al-Bashir received the personal envoy of King Abdullah and Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Jawad Anani who handed him a written message from the Jordanian monarch pertaining to bilateral ties between the two countries.

Following the meeting, al-Bashir expressed his government's keenness to promote bilateral relations between Khartoum and Amman to serve the interests of the two brotherly nations.

²² Available at <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article61342>, last accessed 31 March 2017

For his part, Anani pointed to Sudan's effective and pioneering role towards issues in the region due to its distinct geographical location, saying the upcoming Arab League Summit aims to develop an Arab strategy to face the current problems.

He pointed to phenomenon of terrorism as one of these problems, saying the Arab-African relations would also be part of the Summit agenda especially as the region is witnessing unprecedented issues and challenges.

Meanwhile, Anani said the two sides agreed to hold a meeting for the Joint Ministerial Committee between the two countries in February, pointing the meeting would further relations between Khartoum and Amman.

He added the two sides also agreed that Jordan's Port of Aqaba would be the main port for the Sudanese exports to Europe while Port Sudan shall serve as the starting port for the Jordanian exports to Africa.

Sudanese News Agency

President Al-Bashir to leave for Jordan Tuesday to take part in Arab Summit²³



Khartoum, Mar.27(SUNA)-President of the Republic, Field Marshal Omer Al-Bashir will leave, Tuesday, to Jordan to participate in sessions of the 28th Arab Summit set to commence, Wednesday.

Foreign Minister, Professor Ibrahim Ghandour said the Summit will discuss the current Arab situation, and achievement of peace in Syria, Yemen, Libya, and Somalia as well as the President of the Republic initiative on Food Security and reconstruction of Sudan adopted by Arab League.

Sudan Ambassador to Egypt and its Permanent Envoy to Arab League, Abdul-Mahmoud Abdul-Haleem said in a statement to SUNA, that the Economic and Social Council of Arab

²³ Available at <http://suna-sd.net/suna/showNews/331367/en> last accessed 28 March 2017.

League adopted, at ministerial level, a mechanism for implementation of President Al-Bashir's Initiative.

He explained that the mechanism comprise Government of Sudan, Arab League's General Secretariat , Arab funds and financial institutions, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development and other concerned companies .

Ambassador Abdul-Haleen said the decision would be elevated to the Arab Summit , scheduled to kick off n Amman on March the 29th .

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Afrique Expansion

Le président soudanais ira au sommet arabe d'Amman (ministre)²⁴

Le président soudanais Omar el-Béchr se rendra au sommet de la Ligue arabe qui se tient cette semaine à Amman, capitale de la Jordanie, a annoncé dimanche le ministre soudanais des Affaires étrangères.

M. Béchr est visé par des mandats d'arrêt par la Cour pénale internationale (CPI), qui l'accuse notamment de génocide au Darfour. L'organisation de défense des droits de l'Homme Human Rights Watch (HRW) a appelé la Jordanie à lui refuser l'entrée sur son territoire ou à l'arrêter s'il s'y trouve.

"Le président Omar el-Béchr participera au sommet arabe malgré son emploi du temps très chargé", a déclaré le chef de la diplomatie soudanaise, Ibrahim Ghandour, à l'agence de presse officielle SUNA.

Il a précisé que le roi Abdallah II de Jordanie avait insisté pour que M. Béchr assiste à ce 28e sommet de la Ligue arabe, qui débute mercredi.

"La Jordanie devrait refuser de laisser entrer sur son territoire le président soudanais Omar el-Béchr ou l'arrêter s'il pénètre dans le pays", a déclaré dimanche HRW dans un communiqué.

Elise Keppler, directrice adjoint pour la justice internationale de cette ONG qui a son siège à New York, a détaillé la position de HRW.

"La Jordanie défierait ses obligations d'Etat partie à la CPI si elle autorisait la visite de M. Béchr sans l'arrêter", a-t-elle souligné.

²⁴ Available at <http://www.afriqueexpansion.com/fil-de-presse-manchettes/4852-le-president-soudanais-ira-au-sommet-arabe-d-amman-ministre.html>, last accessed 31 March 2017.

L'ONG estime qu'une telle visite ternirait les efforts du roi de Jordanie pour réformer le système judiciaire de son pays afin d'améliorer le respect des droits de l'Homme.

Le président soudanais est accusé de génocide, crimes contre l'humanité et crimes de guerre par la CPI pour son rôle présumé dans le conflit au Darfour, une région de l'ouest du Soudan où au moins 300.000 personnes ont été tuées dans des affrontements entre rebelles et forces progouvernementales.

Premier tribunal permanent chargé de juger les génocides et crimes de guerre, la CPI, qui siège à La Haye, a émis des mandats d'arrêts contre M. Béchir en 2009 et 2010.

Les pays reconnaissant la compétence de la CPI sont donc censés l'arrêter s'il se présente sur leur territoire.

En 2015, l'Afrique du Sud, Etat partie à la CPI, s'était trouvée au coeur d'une controverse à l'occasion de la visite à Johannesburg de M. Béchir pour un sommet de l'Union africaine. Pretoria avait refusé d'arrêter le chef de l'Etat soudanais, invoquant son immunité présidentielle.

Ce refus sera examiné par la CPI lors d'une audience le 7 avril.

Burkina 24

Soudan: Le président Omar El-Béchir se rendra en Jordanie malgré les mandat d'arrêt de la CPI²⁵

27 mars 2017 by KOUAKOU

Le président soudanais Omar el-Béchir se rendra ce mercredi 29 mars 2017 au sommet de la Ligue arabe censé se tenir à Amman, capitale de la Jordanie, malgré les mandats d'arrêt contre lui émis en 2009 et 2010, a indiqué le ministre soudanais des Affaires étrangères.

Visé par des mandats d'arrêt par la Cour pénale internationale (CPI), l'accusant notamment de génocide au Darfour, Omar El-Béchir est annoncé en Jordanie où il participera au sommet de la Ligue arabe.

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²⁵ Available at <https://burkina24.com/2017/03/27/soudan-le-president-omar-el-bechir-se-rendra-en-jordanie-malgre-les-mandat-darret-de-la-cpi/>, last accessed 31 March 2017.

Le chef de la diplomatie soudanaise, Ibrahim Ghandour, a confié à l'agence de presse officielle SUNA, que "le président Omar el-Béchir participera au sommet arabe malgré son emploi du temps très chargé", a-t-il tranché. Il a, par ailleurs, précisé que Omar El-Béchir se rendra au 28e sommet de la Ligue arabe en Jordanie sur insistance du roi Abdallah II de Jordanie.

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Le refus de l'Afrique du Sud sera examiné par la CPI lors d'une audience le 7 avril, a indiqué Africanews

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New Straits Times

Sudan's al-Bashir to attend Jordan summit despite warrant²⁶



In this March 7, 2016 file photo, Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir walks to the stage at the extraordinary Organization of Islamic Cooperation summit, in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Sudan's official news agency said Monday, March 27, 2017, that al-Bashir will attend the Arab Summit in Jordan this week, despite a long-standing warrant for his arrest by the International Criminal Court on charges of war crimes and genocide. The international group Human Rights Watch has urged Jordan to deny entry to al-Bashir or arrest him, citing the kingdom's obligations as an ICC member. Jordan says that as an Arab League member, Sudan has the right to attend the meeting of Arab leaders.

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²⁶ Available at <http://www.nst.com.my/news/2017/03/224811/sudans-al-bashir-attend-jordan-summit-despite-warrant>, last accessed 31 March 2017.

Al-Bashir was charged in connection with alleged atrocities in the country's Darfur region. The U.N. estimates 300,000 people have died there and 2.7 million have fled their homes.

Sudan's news agency SUNA reported Sunday that he would attend the summit. He has traveled frequently since his indictment but is careful where he goes. -- AP

Middle East Monitor

HRW: Jordan must apprehend Sudan's president the 'war criminal'²⁷

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Human Rights Watch has urged Jordan to prevent Sudan's president from entering the country or to arrest him when he arrives for the 28th Arab League Summit.

The International Criminal Court issued two arrest warrants for Omar Al-Bashir in 2009 and 2010 over his role in Sudan's counterinsurgency operations in the impoverished Darfur region.

The Sudanese leader also faces charges of crimes against humanity including genocide and war crimes.

According to Elise Keppler, associate international justice director at Human Rights Watch:

"Jordan would be defying its international obligations as an ICC member if it allows Al-Bashir to visit without arresting him.

"Welcoming an ICC fugitive would undermine the Jordanian government's recent efforts to strengthen the country's rule of law."

Unknown outcome

Jordanian authorities have not confirmed whether Al-Bashir will be allowed to make his first visit to the country as a figure wanted by the ICC.

Some members of the international court have stated that Al-Bashir will face the likelihood of arrest if he enters their countries whereas others have called for Sudan to send representatives on their behalf instead or relocated meetings to accommodate the president.

Since October 2014, around two million people have been affected by the conflict, with more than 500,000 displaced and 250,000 forced to flee to South Sudan and Ethiopia.

²⁷ Available at <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20170327-hrw-jordan-must-apprehend-sudans-president-the-war-criminal/>, last accessed 31 March 2017.

Fighting intensified in January 2015, when Al-Bashir's government tried to regain control of opposition-held territory ahead of the April 2015 general elections.

All Africa

Sudan: HRW to Jordan - Bar Entry or Arrest Sudan's Al-Bashir²⁸

Amman — Human Rights Watch (HRW) said today that Jordan should deny entry to Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir or arrest him if he enters the country. Al-Bashir has been invited to visit Jordan on March 29, 2017, to attend the 28th summit of the Arab League, news reports say.

In a statement on the organisation's website, HRW points out that Al-Bashir has been a fugitive from the International Criminal Court (ICC) since 2009. He is the subject of two ICC arrest warrants, issued in 2009 and 2010, related to his alleged role in Sudan's abusive counterinsurgency campaign in Darfur. The charges are for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

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"Jordan would be defying its international obligations as an ICC member if it allows Al-Bashir to visit without arresting him," said Elise Keppler, associate international justice director at HRW. "Welcoming an ICC fugitive would undermine the Jordanian government's recent efforts to strengthen the country's rule of law."

A visit by Al-Bashir would be the first time Jordan had welcomed an ICC fugitive, the statements says. It reports that HRW has written to Jordanian authorities about the potential visit but have yet to receive a response.

Jordan's King Abdullah II in February accepted sweeping recommendations by a royal committee to reform the country's criminal justice system. If carried out, these measures would be a major step for human rights in Jordan. But a failure by Jordan to uphold its international obligations as a party to the Rome Statue of the ICC would be at odds with these efforts, HRW said.

Allowing Al-Bashir's visit would also be a reversal of Jordan's historical support for the ICC. In 2015, Ahmed Al-Mufleh, Jordan's ambassador to The Hague, said that Jordan "will continue to confirm its support of the International Criminal Court because of its firm conviction over the essential role of the court in achieving international justice and halting impunity from punishment."

²⁸ Available at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201703270128.html> last accessed 31 March 2017.

"Jordan is not the first country to face a possible Al-Bashir visit," said Keppler. "But most ICC members have avoided letting him in."

Since 2009, some ICC members, such as Botswana and Denmark, have affirmatively signalled that Al-Bashir risked arrest if he entered their territory, and he has not travelled there. Others have relocated or rescheduled meetings or asked Sudan to send other representatives.

However, several African Union countries defy the ICC travel ban, or refuse to arrest Al-Bashir. In June 2015, a visit by Al-Bashir to South Africa caused a political crisis - and friction with the ICC - when Al-Bashir left the country in defiance of a High Court Order for him to be detained pending an investigation. It is widely believed that his flight was facilitated by the cadres of South African President Jacob Zuma.

In 2013, a charter aircraft carrying Al-Bashir and a delegation of Ministers to the Iranian capital Tehran to attend the inauguration ceremony of Iran's President Hassan Rouhani, was denied over-flight rights by Saudi Arabian authorities and forced to return to Khartoum.

In 2012, Malawi opted to relocate an African Union summit in light of the AU's insistence that Al-Bashir should be allowed to attend the meeting if it took place in Malawi as scheduled. In October 2010, an international development meeting scheduled for Kenya was relocated to Ethiopia to avoid a visit by Al-Bashir. In other instances, Al-Bashir cancelled anticipated visits - to Central African Republic and Zambia - amid calls for his arrest.

"As an ICC suspect, the Sudanese president should appear before the ICC, where he would receive the full range of protections under international law for people accused of crimes," the statement says.

"Jordan's government has a chance to demonstrate its credibility on accountability and support for justice for victims of mass atrocities by avoiding an Al-Bashir visit," Keppler said. "Al-Bashir belongs in The Hague appearing before the ICC."

Al Bashir.sd

President Al-Bashir Returns Home after Participation in 28th Arab Summit in Jordan²⁹

President of the Republic, Field Marshal Omer Al-Bashir, Thursday afternoon returned home after his participation in the 28th Arab Summit in Jordan.

He was received at Khartoum Airport by the First Vice-President and National Prime Minister, Lt. Gen. Bakri Hassan Salih, and a number of ministers and senior officials.



²⁹ Available at <http://www.albashir.sd/en/index.php/news/2974-president-al-bashir-returns-home-after-participation-in-28th-arab-summit-in-jordan.html> last accessed 31 March 2017.


In a press statement, the Foreign Minister said that the summit was characterized by accord, indicating that the address given by the President of the Republic at the summit has included Sudanese visions on a number of Arab issues, such as the support to the legitimate government in Yemen, the situation in Libya and Sudan support to the National Accord, which is chaired by Dr. Fayed Al-Sarraj, the situation in Syria and the importance of peace and accord there, the situation in Iraq and the terrorist acts there as well as the conditions in Somalia.

He indicated that the President of the Republic has referred in his address before the summit to the completion of dialogue in Sudan, the appointment of the Prime Minister and the upcoming announcement of the national accord government in Sudan.

Prof. Ghandour said that the President of the Republic has pointed in his address to the initiatives of the Arab League for food security and rehabilitation in Sudan which were sponsored by the Arab League.

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