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June 22

(Suna news agency website, Khartoum, in Arabic 22 Jun 10)

- Ugandan envoy Isaac Isanga Musumba is expected in Sudan on June 23 to deliver a message from President Yoweri Museveni to President Omar al-Bashir. The envoy is also scheduled to meet Ali Karti, Sudan's minister of foreign affairs, to discuss bilateral ties.
- On June 22, the Foreign Ministry's Undersecretary, Ambassador Rahmatalla Muhammad Uthman, asserted Sudan's regret over the killing of three UNAMID personnel in Western Darfur and emphasized the pursuit of the perpetrators to bring them to justice. During his meeting with UNAMID's Deputy Chairman, Mohamed Yunis, the ambassador asked him to send Sudan's condolences to the families of the Rwandan soldiers who were killed.

June 23

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- The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rahmatalla Muhammad Uthman, gave a briefing on the government's efforts to enable UNAMIS and UNAMID to carry out their duties. In a meeting on Wednesday with the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Uthman emphasized the government's readiness to remove obstacles facing the two missions in carrying out their work. He indicated that two missions would assign part of their budgets to deal with the Darfur issue by supporting development projects. The UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is visiting Sudan to conduct a review of the financial and administrative performance of UNAMIS and UNAMID.

June 24

(Republic of Sudan Radio, Omdurman, in Arabic 1300 GMT 24 Jun 10)

- Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir received a message from Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni following a meeting he had in his office at the General Secretariat of Council of Ministers with Uganda's special envoy, Issac Musumba, who is also the minister of state in Uganda's Foreign Ministry. In a statement

after the meeting, the Ugandan envoy stated that he had congratulated President al-Bashir for his recent presidential election victory. He also affirmed the soundness of Sudan-Uganda cooperation, as well as ties between the Sudanese and Ugandan people. He added that he came with an invitation for al-Bashir to attend next month's African Union summit in Uganda.

June 25

(Sudan TV, Omdurman, in Arabic 1030 GMT 25 Jun 10)

- A June 25 sermon was broadcast live on Sudan TV from the Al-Shahid Mosque in Khartoum. The first sermon by Shaykh Abd-al-Jalil Nazir Al-Karuri hailed the pros and cons of pursuing knowledge. It divided knowledge into two categories, beneficial and detrimental, and encouraged the faithful to choose the former. The second sermon criticized Israeli financial institutions for adopting usury in their financial transactions and spreading this to the rest of the world. The preacher also slammed the U.S. for supporting Israel. Al-Karuri noted, however, that Western-Israeli ties were waning and would come to an end.