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Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir addresses a rally by thousands of Sudanese soldiers in the capital Khartoum on March 16, 2009. He appraised the Leader of the Revolution and the Libyan people for their support for Sudan in the face of the International Court's call for his arrest. He said Libya has always been on the side of freedom against colonialism. Read story on page 2.

Libya's Non-oil GDP will Grow at 6-8 Percent, Central Bank

The Central Bank of Libya announced on Wednesday that Libya's non-oil economy is likely to grow by between 6 and 8 percent annually in coming years, unaffected by the

crushing world economic crisis. The bank's statement came on the same day Standard & Poor's issued its first ever sovereign public credit rating for Libya in which it assigned its

'A-' long term and 'A-2' short term foreign and local currency ratings to Libya and said the outlook was stable.

The central bank said the government was committed to

reforms to diversify Libya's oil-reliant economy and promote private investment.

"Despite the current global financial turmoil, we expect growth to remain strong over the

medium term (non-oil GDP growth rate to average 6-8 percent annually)," the central bank said.

"This strong credit rating

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Southern African States Reject New Madagascar Leader

Southern African countries refused on Thursday to recognise Madagascar's youthful new leader Andry Rajoelina and urged the international community and African Union to reject him too. Skip related content

The political unrest on the Indian Ocean island has killed at least 135 people, devastated the \$390 million (206 million pounds)-a-year tourism sector and worried multinationals with investments in its fast-developing mining and oil

industries.

Mozambique, Angola and Swaziland, which make up the defence, political and security troika of regional grouping

SADC, which includes Madagascar, called at the end of a mini-summit in Swaziland for democracy to be restored.

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