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Tuareg Rebels of the Niger Patriotic Front are seen here at a press conference in Tripoli declaring that they intend to lay down arms and make peace with government after two-month long negotiations with Libyan mediators with the aim to make peace in this part of Africa, Thursday 26 March 2009.(Read story on Page 3)

President Bashir Visits Libya

Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir arrived in Sirte on Thursday in an official visit to Libya. He met with the current President of the African Union Muammar Al-Qathafi and both held talks on bilateral and regional issues.

Beshir, on his third foreign trip this week, saluted Libya's "immediate announcement... of

an explicit and decisive" rejection of a March 4 ICC arrest warrant.

Only three days after the ICC move, the AU President told UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon the warrant constituted a "grave precedent against the independence of less powerful states, their sovereignty and their political choices."

Al-Qathafi said the ICC was "selective" and that the court, based in The Hague, was "employing a policy of double standards in targeting African and third-world states."

In a statement at the end of the visit, Beshir also welcomed new humanitarian "partners" in Darfur after Sudan expelled a number of Western aid agencies

in response to the warrant.

In a joint Libyan-Sudanese communiqué read by Mr. Alowr Ding, the Sudanese Foreign Minister, both counties agreed to continue consultation over the situation in Darfur and Sudan-Chad relations.

It said that the President of the African Union reiterated his total rejection of the ICC

decision and both parties agreed on the following:

Supporting political dialogue between the government of Sudan and the rebel movements that is taking place in Doha, Qatar; the need for a social solution to Darfur problem and establishing a plebiscite in the region; the two

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The Guardian: Israel Committed War Crimes in Gaza

During its 23-day offensive in the Gaza Strip, Israel had committed numerous war crimes by using Palestinian children as human shields and targeting medics and hospitals, The Guardian has claimed.

A month-long investigation obtained detailed evidence of civilians being hit by fire from unmanned drone aircraft under Operation Cast Lead.

The films recorded by The

Guardian reveal that the Israel operation was aimed at Hamas,

but left about 1,400 Palestinians

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