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Multilateral effort required for peace and security in Sudan and for its oppressed citizens

The Hague/New York — The United Nations Security Council, working together with the African Union and the League of Arab States, must ensure peace and security in Sudan and justice for its oppressed citizens, said the World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP).

Today, Ahmed Awad Ibn Auf, the First Vice President and Defense Minister of Sudan, announced the arrest of President Omar al-Bashir and his removal from power. The Defense Minister declared a three-month state of emergency and the creation of a transitional military council to lead the country for two years.

“The killing, torture and forced migration of millions of Sudanese as a result of three decades of violent armed conflict during al-Bashir’s reign will worsen unless the African Union, League of Arab States and United Nations Security Council collaborate and take immediate action to address the ensuing crisis,” said Dr. Tawanda Hondora, Executive Director of the World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy.

“The Sudanese state will likely rapture and descend into an even more violent vortex of conflict if the international community fails to collaborate and resolve the conflict in the interests of the Sudanese public,” added Hondora.

The military coup is likely to worsen the conflicts in the Blue Nile, South Kordofan and Darfur regions. It will also exacerbate refugee outflows and destabilize countries in East and North Africa.

In resolving the crisis, the international community must ensure that al-Bashir is surrendered to the International Criminal Court to face charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity and acts of genocide without delay.

“People in Sudan need the truth, justice, reparations and guarantees that their leaders and the country’s security services will never again be used as instruments of oppression,” said Hondora.

The international community must also ensure the creation of an effective truth and reconciliation mechanism in Sudan, as well as a transitional justice system to try those responsible for torture, sexual violence and of abusing the criminal justice system for political ends.

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