



UNMIS Press Statement

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Statement by UNMIS Spokesperson's Office

31 December 2008 -- UNMIS has noted further commentary in some Khartoum-published newspapers based on an inaccurate Al-Jazeera report. The report ascribed remarks about ICC proceedings to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Ashraf Qazi, which, in fact, he never made.

The inaccuracy of that report has been acknowledged. The report in question has been retracted and removed from the Al-Jazeera.net website.

UNMIS issued a media advisory on 25 December stating that SRSG Qazi made no such remarks.

Since then, UNMIS has informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the report was inaccurate and misleading. UNMIS has also contacted those newspapers which ran commentaries based on the report and they have duly acknowledged its inaccuracy.

As previously stated by UNMIS, SRSG Qazi did not make the remarks about the ICC that were attributed to him and never predicted a date for any ICC action.

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