

**The Sudanese government must hand over
Ahmed Haroun and Ali Kowshayb to the ICC**

The Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) impresses on the Sudanese government the urgent need to cooperate with the International Criminal Court (ICC) as an independent international judicial mechanism and urges the government to accede to the ICC prosecutor's demand that Ahmed Haroun, former State Minister of Internal Affairs and the present State Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, and Janjaweed militia leader Ali Mohamed Abdel Rahman, also known as Ali Kowshayb, be handed over. The two men are accused of having committed crimes falling within the ICC's jurisdiction according to article 5 of the ICC's Rome Statute.

ACIJLP urges the Sudanese government to cooperate with the ICC prosecutor, seeing cooperation as the best and most just route out of the present crisis in Darfour which was transferred to the ICC under Security Council resolution 1593 issued in 2005 under Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter.

ACIJLP fears that the Sudanese government's continued non-cooperation with the ICC and its refusal to hand over the two accused men will lead to a worsening of the situation in Darfour, at a time when average incidents of crimes committed are increasing - which has led to the forced displacement of civilians and endangerment of their lives.

ACIJLP underlines to the Sudanese government that the probity and independence of the ICC and the guarantees provided under articles 66 and 67 of the Rome Statute together ensure that the accused men will receive a fair and impartial trial and also prevent the court from assuming a political character.

Arrest warrants for the two men were issued on 2nd May 2007 upon the request of the ICC prosecutor. The court concluded that there was credible reason to believe that the accused men had a role in crimes committed in Darfour falling within its jurisdiction.