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Renewing confidence in brother Omar Hassan Al-Bashir to take over the leadership of the country in the coming period is essential due to the urgent need for national leadership in addition to numerous challenges facing the country as of late, as it is also important to ensure and renew the trust in the national entity and the faith in its abilities to make the best political choices that are beneficial at current political moment.

For if we are recommending brother Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, we have done so after having looked at the biographies/personal histories of all the candidates. We say with all confidence, and without belittling the status/rank of others, that he has done for the nation more than anyone else has ever done for the country since its independence, perhaps achieving peace in a manner that is in accordance with the principles on which it was founded and by safeguarding the country's sovereignty and by building its foreign relations, and through the extraction and utilization of oil, as well as the revolution (Arabic use of revolution but clearly means reform) for higher education, and reforms in the agrarian and production sectors, and through mobilizing and sponsoring community efforts, and by achieving political and developmental stability, and by raisings income levels.

The Bright Future

Our country has said goodbye to a period of violence and instability and if God is willing, we will not go through that again, it is now directed towards a future bright with stability and development, an era where it goes beyond seeking basic rights and services such as health, water, and education, and making it affordable for all students, so that we may be able to compete with countries that progressed further than us in developments and infrastructure, for it is time to achieve your dreams and your expectations in this time of promise.

The Highest National Priorities

- 1. To achieve that which was called upon by God almighty, that the governance of God rules over his worshippers (slaves), countries, and all kings.
- 2. To safeguard national sovereignty and to maintain the legacies of the ancestors of the homeland.
- 3. To extend the basic freedoms of education, association, and expression to all as well as the extension of the values of the Shura council.
- 4. To establish justice as an understood practice and apply its values to all aspects of life.

- 5. To enhance the concept of human dignity as it relates to the following phrase: "We are all from Adam and Adam is from the earth".
- 6. To improve the community and to promote the sources of good within it while isolating sources of corruption and evil.
- 7. To strive towards achieving an economic well-being and to provide people with an adequate amount of their basic needs.
- 8. To achieve security and peace and to combat crime in all forms.

Policy and Good Governance:

- 1. To place emphasis on the federal and presidential systems of government at to enhance the governmental experience in a way that values the people's participation in the national process and the formation of social, political and cultural rights.
- **2.** A commitment to the democratic experience and the distribution of power and to consider it the best political model for achieving political and social satisfaction among the people.
- **3.** Citizenship is the basis for tolerance among the Sudanese people and it is the basis for all rights and duties.
- **4.** To solidify the principles between powers and independence, and the independence of the judiciary, the rule of law, and the equality of all citizens under the law.
- **5.** To promote true tolerance among the people regardless of their political and religious affiliations.
- **6.** To achieve a balanced and well-rounded foreign policy that promotes the values of the country and leads it towards a sustainable developmental program and to achieve international peace and advocate for those in vulnerable situations.
- **7.** To mobilize national efforts towards ending the crisis in Darfur and to work towards its development and alleviate the causes of war and its legacies that prevent peace from being achieved in all of Sudan. To create an exemplary model of rule by promoting the values of the Shura and achieving political transparency and a decent living standard.

Economy and Wages:

- To improve the economic situation by implementing a comprehensive economic revival plan and achieves economic wellbeing and sustainability and alleviates poverty and ends inflation and provides work opportunities to new graduates in both the public and private sectors.
- 2. To pay special attention to agriculture as the pillar of the national economy while also making sincere efforts for reforms and developments that will benefit the country and its citizens, and to make an effort to address major agricultural projects on the peninsula, in Rahad, and other places.

- **3.** To pay special attention to general industries and other related industries that deal with private agricultural processing and the advancement of weaving, medicine, and the production of construction tools.
- **4.** To strengthen cooperation between the government and the private sector especially in ways that concern peoples living needs.
- **5.** To develop the oil and mining industry and to invest the country's resources in an attempt to give back to the people.
- **6.** To advance transportation, ports and airports- especially transnational railroads.

Education and Scholarly Research:

- 1. To improve both general and higher education.
- 2. To provide all necessary educational resources in the capital and all states.
- 3. To address and "destroy" the problem of illiteracy and to increase cultural awareness and technology.
- 4. To pay closer attention to teachers and university educators and to address of their concerns and to provide them with educational grants in schools and universities.
- 5. To encourage and increase the participation of educators in general national issues.
- 6. To promote educational scholarship and research and to increase the resources allocated for this sector.

Healthcare:

- 1. Paying closer attention to health care institutions, health centers, and hospitals and providing them with the necessary equipment, which will enable them to create a climate, allows for the proper treatment of diseases and the provision of material and human support.
- 2. Improve/develop plans of action that combat epidemics, diseases, and other health concerns.
- 3. To provide free health care in health care institutions and to provide medicine to people with limited income.
- 4. Expand upon the manufacturing of medicine, vaccines, and pesticides in a sufficient way so that it may be accessible to citizens and alleviate their suffering.
- 5. To expand the realm of health insurance so that it may be available to all citizens in all areas during the period of the presidential term.
- 6. To pay special attention to various medical frameworks, to address the demands of new medical graduates especially in the time or their vocational training.

Community Issues:

- 1. To achieve social justice and to promote the abilities of social and community organizations/institutions and to promote charitable spending in order to promote the state's efforts of combatting poverty and promoting solidarity and social networks.
- 2. Seeking to remove the contamination (figuratively) left by war on the spirits of the people and to repair the social fabric and foster notions of coexistence and society.
- 3. To spread virtue and combat the vices and eliminate negative social phenomena.
- 4. To expand the range of social security to accommodate those with limited income and special needs.
- 5. To maximize the role of civil society organizations and promote their efforts to improve the community.
- 6. Upgrade the capacity/abilities of individuals and groups.

Media and Culture:

- **1.** Ensuring the freedoms of speech and expression.
- **2.** To improve media broadcasts in a manner that promotes the nation's social, cultural, and economic development.
- **3.** To pay special attention to the print and publishing industry and to develop/advance the publishing sector / distribution.
- **4.** To emphasize cultural diversity and to view it as a source of cultural and social richness.
- **5.** To pay special attention to cultural and literary institutions especially concerning its role in the advancement of society.
- **6.** Giving theatres and cinemas the attention they deserve and utilizing their potential to attract audiences.
- 7. To give attention to the men of the media, culture, literature, and the arts.
- **8.** To promote competitions in the domains of media, culture, literature, and the arts and to emphasize the need for Sudan to be present in regional and international forums.
- **9.** Paying special attention to artifacts and acknowledging the role past civilizations played in painting a true picture of Sudan.

The Woman and Family:

- **1.** To emphasize the crucial role of the family in society and to work towards developing this role and solidifying it.
- **2.** Women are half of society, they are man's equals and it is a duty to give them the proper attention due to the glorious role they play in society. They raise nations and tribes and they are responsible for the upbringing of young people.
- **3.** To enable women to play a role in society whether it be social, cultural, political or all of the above.

4. To pay special attention to children and to provide them with all necessary care.

Youth and Sports:

- 1. The youth compose half of the present area and the are all of the future and to pay attention to them is the same as paying attention to the future of the country, for this reason there is no option but to develop their capabilities and ensure their role in public life.
- 2. To develop the interest in sports of all kinds and to assess the root causes of its neglect and its lack of development.
- 3. To support teams and sports clubs in local and international events.

Environment:

To show concern for the environment and its conservation and to emphasize the importance of biodiversity and to pay special attention to forests and greenery and prevent desertification.

These are the major points in Brother Omar Hassan Al-Bashir upcoming presidential campaign if God is willing. We hope that these ten points will allow us to complete the Renaissance which had been underway for twenty years... twenty years that have created twenty candles lightening the way to rebirth.