

## **Wanted: July 13-19**

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**THE NEWS** The prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in The Hague formally sought an arrest warrant for Omar Hassan al-Bashir, the president of Sudan.

**BEHIND THE NEWS** The charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity are the court's first against a sitting president. They stem from the five years of bloodshed in the Darfur region of Sudan, where Mr. Bashir's government is accused of trying to wipe out three ethnic minorities as it scoffed at international efforts to hold it accountable. While the warrant is unlikely to ever be executed, some diplomats hoped it would give them new leverage in seeking peace in Darfur.

**THE NEWS** Canadian officials, apparently for the first time, deported an American Army deserter who had sought refuge from the war in Iraq.

**BEHIND THE NEWS** Changes both in immigration laws and in public attitudes in Canada have made it more difficult for American deserters to gain sanctuary there now than during the Vietnam War, when draft dodgers also fled north. The deported deserter, Robin Long, was seeking refugee status, the only legal avenue for most deserters to stay in Canada, but he was arrested twice for violating immigration laws. Supporters called the violations technicalities and expressed surprise that the government insisted on expelling him.

**THE NEWS** What seemed to be the voice of Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, a former Iraqi vice president under Saddam Hussein, was heard in a new audiotape telling President Bush that 2008 would be the "decisive year" in Iraq and vowing that the Baathist insurgents he leads would go on attacking Americans.

**BEHIND THE NEWS** The United States offers a \$10 million bounty for the capture of Mr. Douri, said to be the highest-ranking member of Saddam Hussein's inner circle still at large. Iraqi officials have several times reported his death or capture, only to have the claims quickly fall apart. Lately he has struggled with a Syrian-backed rival for supremacy among Baathist militants.

**THE NEWS** A man wanted in Liechtenstein for stealing secret bank records told a Senate committee that a bank owned by the country's royal family helped clients, including Americans, conceal assets and evade taxes.

**BEHIND THE NEWS** Heinrich Kieber, a former bank employee who is now in a witness protection program, touched off a global scandal in February when he sold confidential bank records identifying millionaire tax cheats to German authorities. He testified that the bank, LGT, shuffled money through offshore shell accounts to obscure its origin. Liechtenstein, anxious to repair its reputation as an uncooperative tax haven, said it would investigate.

**THE NEWS** Lawyers for the film director Roman Polanski, who fled the United States in 1978 as he was about to be sentenced for the statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl, asked authorities to review a documentary in which a former prosecutor claims he coached the judge in Mr. Polanski's case.

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BEHIND THE NEWS Mr. Polanski's lawyer said the self-described contacts by David Wells with the judge (who died in 1993) appeared to violate legal ethics and state law. As a fugitive, Mr. Polanski has little standing to appeal his conviction, but if he can persuade a prosecutor or judge in Los Angeles to take up the matter, a court could overturn the 30-year-old conviction.

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