Note on Immunity case:

**Bashir Saleh Bashir** was a former aide of former Libyan leader [Muammar Gaddafi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muammar_Gaddafi), who Interpol and the Libyan government believe holds the key to the hidden resources of the former dictator. He was head of the Libyan African Portfolio, a sovereign wealth fund that invested Libya’s oil wealth mostly in sub-Saharan Africa, and served as an intermediary between Libya, Africa and France. Saleh was captured after the [Battle of Tripoli](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Tripoli_(2011)) in 2011 during the [Libyan civil war](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libyan_civil_war) but later escaped. Libya demanded that he be extradited because it is believed he is in France. Saleh spent Libya’s oil money solely for the Gaddafi family, buying up hotels, mineral resources and shares in companies, eventually becoming what some Libyan officials and financial experts describe as one of the largest single investors in Africa. Libyan authorities believe that finding him is the key to finding a missing 7 billion dollars in Libyan funds.

In April 2007 Saleh, then the Chairman and Managing Director of the Libya Africa Portfolio, the Investment Arm of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya announced that Libya would be investing in development across Africa

At present, Libya is demanding that France hand over Saleh as one of Qaddafi’s closest associates and former head of Libya’s multi-billion dollar investments in Africa. A government spokesman announced in May 2012 that “Libya will formally request France for the extradition of Bashir Saleh to Libya”.

Saleh is currently a wanted person under a warrant issued by the National Transitional Council of Libya in mid-2012, and renewed under the General National Council government in late 2012. He was captured after the liberation of Tripoli but later escaped. A committee was formed to investigate the circumstances under which he escaped but so far the committee has not submitted any report.

At that time, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said that Saleh was in France and would be handed over to Interpol if Libya wanted him. He added that his presence in France has been approved by NTC Chairman Mustafa Abdul Jalil. “The arrival of Mr Saleh was made with the full agreement of the president of the Libyan National Transitional Council,” he said. “The decision for him to be in France was taken after consultation with the Libyan authorities.”

The then French Prime Minister François Fillon had said that “there was no trace” of an international request for his detention, saying Saleh “comes and goes between France and Niger”.

Libya has, in fact, already put out an Interpol request for Saleh’s arrest. His picture appears in the Interpol site of persons wanted by Libya, however there he is named as Bashir Al-Shrkawi.