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SUBJECT:

Director of Egyptian News Agency in Sudan Dismissed
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AZAMI, Esyt, Salamabi

A local political squabble was set off by the dismissal of **Ahmed El Salamabi**, Managing Director of the Khartoum office of the Egyptian News Agency (MENA). The Egyptian Government withdrew the licence for the local agency, and it has been temporarily shut down. In addition, the Managing Director was dismissed.

Salamabi claims his dismissal was because he did not follow Egyptian orders and believes in Sudanese independence. On October 19 he issued a long statement explaining his dismissal which was published in **Sawt Es Sudan**. Salamabi, in addition to his former office as Manager of the Egyptian News Agency, is editor of **Sawt Es Sudan**, the organ of the Khartoum sect.

An interesting aspect of his public announcement is that he claims that the real reason for his dismissal was that he sent to Cairo a speech in which Major Salim allegedly said that he was in favor of independence for the Sudan. This statement was circulated by the Office of National Guidance. Major Salim reportedly pointed out to Salamabi that this statement was for local consumption only and that by sending it to Egypt he was misleading the Egyptian people. Major Salim issued an official denial that he had ever said such a thing.

If Salamabi's story as set forth in the attached enclosure is true, and most of the people on the inside in Khartoum believe that it is true, it is further proof of Egyptian determination to control the Sudan.

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 Salamabi's State, October 19, 1954.

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