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SUBJECT: Prime Minister Azhari to Visit Britain  
**MS4-D-89 Azhari, Britain, Visit**

The British Government extended an official invitation to Prime Minister Ismail El Azhari to visit the United Kingdom at his convenience and with two ministers of his choosing. This invitation was conveyed to the Prime Minister through the Office of the Governor General as the representative of Her Majesty's Government in the Sudan. Prime Minister Azhari was delighted with this invitation and will now visit the UK sometime early in November and will return to the Sudan in time for the reconvening of Parliament on November 15.

The Acting Advisor to the Governor General on Constitutional and External Affairs, who extended the invitation, has explained for our use only that the British Government feels it would be wise to acquaint Azhari with their friendly feeling toward the Sudan and they also want to assure him of their support in any resistance to Egyptian pressure which he contemplates. This information was substantially repeated by Philip Adams, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in the Sudan.

The Umma Party through its press has protested against this British invitation to the Prime Minister as a violation of the "free and neutral atmosphere of the Sudan". Umma leaders fear that their long-time British ally may be ready to cooperate with their more successful political rival.

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