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**National Democratic Alliance (NDA)**

The National Democratic Alliance is a now defunct coalition of opposition groups.

**Period of activity:** 1989-2005

**Co-Presidents**

* [Farouk Abu Essa](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?mot1244)
* Bona Malwal

**Background**

The NDA was established in 1989 after the military coup led by Omar al-Bashir forced many Sudanese politicians of the third democratic era (1986-1989) into exile.

It seems that the status of the NDA’s co-President Farouk Abu Eisa’s as a post-communist independent ‘democrat’ enabled him to act as a bridge between a wide variety of political groups. Unlike previous anti-authoritarian opposition coalitions, the NDA incorporated the southern political movements and in particular the [Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA)](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?mot183) as well as the traditional [northern political parties](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?mot389).

In spite of the participation of the southern rebel movements in the NDA, Gamal Nkrumah reported in 2002 that Abu Eissa remained ‘a sincere believer in Sudanese territorial integrity and national unity’, who advocated federalism, secularism and respect for the country’s cultural diversity.

The NDA was disbanded after the [Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?mot669), with Abu Eissa becoming an opposition member of the Sudanese parliament. Following the 2010 elections, Abu Eissa, still a political independent, decided to form the [National Consensus Forces (NCF)](http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?mot330) a kind of domestic revival of the NDA.