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THE SUDAN

The Politicians:
Ismail al-Azhari, leader of the National Unionist Party (NUP)
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Ali Abd al-Rahman, leader of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP)

The Religious Leaders:
Sayid Abd al-Rahman, leader of the Ansar
Sayid Ali al-Mirghani, leader of the Khatmiyya
Sayid al-Sadiq al-Mahdi, who succeeded his father as leader of the Ansar
Sayid Sadiq al-Mahdi, who succeeded his father as leader of the Ansar

The Army Brass:
General Ibrahim Abboud, Commander-in-Chief
Major General Ahmed Abd al-Wahab
Brigadier Hassan Beshir Nasr
Brigadier Mohammed Nasr Osman

The Political Partners of the Army Junta:
Ahmed Kheir
Abu Rannat

Coup-makers among the Brigadiers:
Brigadier Mohieddin Abdallah
Brigadier Abd al-Rahim Shannan

Coup-makers among the Junior Officers:
Major Abdel Kibaida Rahman and others
Colonel Ali Hamid and others, mainly majors and captains of the Infantry Training College
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NIGERIA

The Politicians of the First Republic:

Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe, First President
*Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Premier
*Sir Ahmadu Bello, Sardauna of Sokoto, Premier of the North
*Chief Festus Okotie-Eboh, Minister of Finance
*Chief Samuel Akintola, Premier of the West
Chief R. Fani-Kayode
Dr Michael Okpara, Premier of the East, and others

The Army Brass:

tMajor-General J. Aguiyi-Ironsi, first Nigerian GOC who restored order after the first coup, and became Head of State
*Brigadier Z. Maimalare
*Brigadier S. Ademulegun
*Lt-Colonel A. Largema
*Lt-Colonel Yakubu Pam, and others
Brigadier B. Ogundipe, now Nigerian High Commissioner in London

The Young Coup-makers:

tMajor Chukwuma Kaduna Nzeogwu
tMajor Emmanuel Ifeajuna
Major T. C. Onwuatuegwu

* slain in the January coup
* slain in the July revenge coup
* killed in the war
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Lt-Colonel Hassan Katsina
Lt-Colonel David Ejoor
Lt-Colonel F. Adekunle Fajuyi
Colonel Chukwuemeka Ojukwu
Major Mobalaji Johnson

The Revenge Coup-makers:
Major Mmtala Mohammed
His uncle, Alhaji Inuwa Wada
Others, mostly unknown

The Politicians Come to Power in the Second Republic:
Chief Obafemi Awolowo
Alhaji Aminu Kano Chief
Anthony Enahoro J. S.
Tarka

The Civil Servants:
Allison Ayida
Francis Nwokedi
Edwin Ogbu
Harnsad Amadu
M. Asiodu

The War Leaders:
Major-General Yakubu Gowon
Colonel Benjamin Adekunle
Major Sule Apollo
Colonel Muhammed Shuwa

Ghana

The CPP Government headed by and including:
Kwarne Nkrumah
Finance Minister Kwesi Amoaka-Atta
Krobo Edusei
Kojo Botsio
Appendix: Principal Persons

Kofi Baako
Colonel Zanlerigu, commander of the President's Own Guard Regiment
Major-General C. M. Barwah

The Opposition, including:

Dr K. Busia
K. Gbedemah (in exile)

The Coup-makers in the Army:

Major-General E. K. Kotoka
A. A. Afrifa
Colonel Albert Ocran, commander of the Accra garrison, and some others

The Coup-makers in the Police:

J. W. K. Harlley, the Commissioner
Anthony Deku, Special Branch

The National Liberation Council:

General J. A. Ankrah
Three other army officers and four police chiefs; civil servants, like E. Omaboe; outside advisers like the Harvard Group; politicians of the former Opposition groups

Unsuccessful Coup-makers:

Lieutenant Arthur and others
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