

## NASIR BEGINS MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD PURGE

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Reports from Damascus attributed to reliable sources there indicated that when Lt. Col. Jamal Abd-an-Nasir felt the resumption of the underground activities of the Muslim Brotherhood and their infiltration in the various governmental departments and the army, he asked Minister of Interior, Lt. Col. Zakariya Muhyi-ad-Din, to take strong urgent measures to purge government departments of the members of the Muslim brotherhood who were appointed in various ministries when they declared their disavowal of the brotherhood.

Abd-an-Nasir provided his Minister of the Interior with a list including the names of the members of the brotherhood who were to be purged from their posts. Most prominent among these are Abdu Kasim, director of the department of charitable Waqfs at the Ministry of Waqfs; Shaykh Muhammad al-Ghazali, director of the preaching department at the Ministry of Waqfs, Shaykh Sayid Sabiq, the mufti of the Ministry of Waqfs; and Muhammad Abd-ar-Rahman al-Banna, an official at the Ministry of Social Affairs and brother of Shaykh Hasan al-Banna.

Abd-an-Nasir's list also includes the names of Sad Jabr at-Tamimin, radio engineer and expert in jamming foreign broadcasts which Abd-an-Nasir does not wish to reach the people; Amin Ismail, assistant director of the section of political crusing in the Egyptian broadcasting system, and Abd-al-Hafiz as-Sufi, an official in the Ministry of the Interior and director of the liaison section with the outside Muslim world. Zakariya Muhyi-ad-Din has started carry out Abd-an-Nasir's order in accordance with the list he received from him.