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VISIT BY SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, Dr Mansour Khalid, arrived in Canberra this morning for a brief visit to meet members of the Australian Government, Members of Parliament and Government officials.

Announcing this today, the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, said that Dr Khalid, who had been his country's Foreign Minister for two years, was a leading figure in the Sudanese Government whose views on a number of issues would be of considerable interest to the Australian Government.

The Special Minister of State, Senator Willesee, who will become Australia's new Minister for Foreign Affairs tomorrow, will meet with Dr Khalid tomorrow morning, and tomorrow evening Senator Willesee will host a dinner for the Sudanese Minister in Parliament House.

Tomorrow afternoon, Dr Khalid will call on the Minister for External Territories and Science, Mr Morrison.

Dr Khalid, who arrived in Sydney yesterday, will leave Australia on Wednesday afternoon.