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## **Front uni pour le changement (démocratique)/ United Front for (Democratic) Change (FUC/FUCD)**

This coalition was founded in December 2005 and expected by the Sudanese government to unify all of the Chadian armed opposition groups opposed to President Idriss Déby under its protégé Mahamat Nour Abdelkarim, a member of the Tama tribe. At its peak in April 2006 the FUC had 6,000–7,000 men, but it went into decline after a failed attack on N'Djaména on 13 April. In March 2007, the Tama kernel of the FUC joined the Chadian government and became a militia operating in Dar Tama. Several hundred troops returned to the rebellion, however, joining the Union des forces pour la démocratie et le développement/Union of Forces for Democracy and Development coalition. Some of these dissidents are said to be still active in the Tissi area, where they enjoy good relations with the Front populaire pour la renaissance nationale/Popular Front for National Rebirth. There have also been rumours that Mahamat Nour, who fled to Libya after being dismissed from his position as Chadian minister of defence, might join these dissidents. In July and September 2010, some remnants of the FUC who had joined Mahamat Nouri's UFDD were among the approximately 150 opposition fighters returned from Sudan to N'Djaména. Some remnants of the Tama core of the FUC are said to be present among Chadian rebels and pro-Khartoum Darfur militias presently training in Sudan's southern Blue Nile state.

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