

Sayed Miralai Abdullah Bey Khalil, O.B.E.,  
Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and  
M.H.R. for Eastern Darfur Constituency No. 55

Born 1892 - Kenuz tribe. He served in the Egyptian Army from 1910 to 1924; and in the Sudan Defence Force from 1925 to 1944, being the first Sudanese to reach the rank of Miralai.

He was one of the original founders of the Umma Party (in 1945). He was re-elected Secretary-General of the Umma Party in 1948 for life and visited London, Paris and New York 1946-47 as a member of the Independent Front delegation. In 1948 he was nominated to the Legislative Assembly, of which he was leader. He was a member of the Executive Council and Minister of Agriculture.

He represented the views of the Umma Party on the Constitution Amendment Commission. Elected member of Parliament in 1953.

He was appointed Minister for Defence and Public Works on 2-2-1956.

He became Prime Minister and Minister for Defence on 7-7-1956.