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NILE BASIN ORGANIZATION FORMED--Dr 'Isam Radi, Egyptian minister of irrigation, announced continuing contacts for the establishment of an organization of Nile Basin countries the goal of which would be ideal use of the Nile water and the implementation of the projects which have been studied by the committee on lakes. He mentioned that these countries are Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zaire, Rwanda, Burundi, and Uganda. However, the organization will start with three countries: Egypt, Sudan, and Uganda. This activity comes at a time when fears are growing about the extension of the drought, in its 7th year in the Ethiopian highlands, which supplies 90% of the Nile's waters. Some Egyptian districts have called for taking precautionary measures starting now, to rationalize consumption of irrigation and drinking water. [Text] [Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic 13 Apr 85 p 40] 12943

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