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AFRICA/MALI - Reserve about how the Prime Minister was deposed, but the parties are in favor of change

Bamako (Agenzia Fides) - "The political parties have taken note of the appointment of the new Prime Minister and the resignation of the previous. The political group that supports the military junta has expressed its consent to the change of the Premier " says to Fides Agency Fr. Edmond Dembele, Secretary of the Episcopal Conference of Mali where, after the forced resignation of Premier Cheick Modibo Diarra (see Fides 11/12 / 2012), the President ad interim Dioncounda Traoré yesterday appointed a new Prime Minister: Diango Cissoko.
Former Prime Minister Diarra was forced to resign after being arrested by the military junta that had taken power in the aftermath of the coup in March 2012 and that, despite the creation of new civil institutions, continues to exert a considerable weight in the political life of Mali.
"Not all parties have expressed themselves on the latest developments, but in general one gets the impression that the entire political class has welcomed the resignation of Diarra because there were several disputes with him, especially on the conduct of national coordination and management of the conflict in the north. The change of the Prime Minister has therefore been accepted by all the political forces, even if not everyone appreciated the way Diarra was forced to resign, " notes Fr. Dembele.
The forced resignation of Diarra have been criticized by the United Nations, European Union and other countries that were committed to helping Mali to retrieve the north in the hands of fundamentalist armed groups. "The negotiations that began in Burkina Faso to resolve the crisis in northern Mali have been suspended. But with regard to the creation of a military force of ECOWAS to send in Mali, the President ad interim has assured that he intends to accelerate, and the same Amadou Haya Sanogo (the head of the former military junta who played a key role in the resignation of Diarra, ed.) assured he is not contrary to the presence of foreign troops in the Country and indeed wants to facilitate their arrival," refers Fr. Dembele. "A new government will be formed by the end of the week, we will see the developments," said the priest. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 12/12/2012)

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