

***Nouakchott, Mauritania, July 11 (Infosplusgabon) - Extending an olive branch to the four defeated candidates in the June 22, 2019, presidential election in Mauritania, authorities have called for dialogue involving all stakeholders.***

Reports from Nouakchott, say the President of the Union for the Republic (UPR-majority party), Seydina Ali Ould Mohamed Khouna, also spokesman for the Mauritanian government, on Tuesday visited Biram Dah Abeid, the independent candidate / anti-slavery leader, who was runner-up in the polls, Infosplusgabon learned on Wednesday from official sources.

The meeting comes in the wake of post-election crisis that followed the polls.

The four opposition candidates have disputed the results of the vote, which gave victory, after the first round to Mohamed Cheikh Ahmed Mohamed Ghazouani, candidate of the majority party and former chief of staff and former Minister of Defense under a long-time ally (some 40 years) of incumbent president Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz.

On Tuesday evening, talks between Biram Dah Abeid, and the government spokesperson are believed to mark the beginning of a political dialogue in Mauritania, according to many analysts.

During his meeting with the anti-slavery leader, Seydina Ali Ould Mohamed Khouna urged the opposition "to go beyond criticism by formulating concrete proposals to solve the problems it denounces".

Responding, Biram Dah Abeid announced "a concerted effort among the four opposition presidential candidates", saying they will establish a technical committee to develop a document on all the problems facing the country: human rights, community coexistence, economic and social conditions, which will be submitted to the government".

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