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- The recent riots in Damascus were instigated by Rushdi Kehkia's Popular Party (formerly the Constitutionalist Party), with the main objective of ousting Prime Minister Jamil Mardan and cleaning up the Syrian Government. The Popular Party demanded four ministries in any new government to be formed (the Ministries of Interior, Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Defense), but as of 4 December the Party had not demanded the Premiership.
- 2. The Popular Party was assisted in the instigation of the riots by the Renaissance Party and students. Communists who attempted to join the demonstrators were barred by the demonstrators themselves. There was some feeling displayed by the ricters against foreigners, but little of this was directed against the British.

