

SUDAN

NUMAYRI ADDRESSES MASS RALLY IN KHARTOUM

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[Speech by Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri at mass rally in Martyr's Square, Khartoum--live]

[Excerpts] If the plotters have talked of freedom, what kind of freedom were they aiming at? Is it the freedom of the crushed and routed past? Is it the freedom of the former party minister of health, who is currently on the run--namely, Ahmad Zayn [words indistinct].

Is the intended freedom the freedom of a leadership which arose on the disgusting meager monthly salaries received from foreign kings and presidents? Is the intended freedom the freedom of intervention in capitals with the hospitality of foreign states where Sudan is being bought and sold [words indistinct]? Is the intended freedom the freedom of which we tired one day in the Chamber of Parliament when Phillip Abbas, the well-known Israeli stooge and the current ally of the National Front, was demanding that Sudan and the people of Sudan stand aloof from the Arab-Israeli conflict? Were the plotters rejecting the unity of Sudan with Phillip Abbas as their ally who commutes between Rome and Tel Aviv and who acts as coordinator between them and the forces of secession in (?London), including those who (?opposed) the agreement of the south and ran away from the south moments after peace was brought to prevail in and among its parts, and the leaders of the so-called National Front who have penetrated the various capitals and exploited the hospitality of their citizens, thus staying in Addis Ababa at times and in Jidda at times, and in Cairo at times, and now, up to this moment, in Tripoli?

Was Phillip Abbas, with his ideology, contacts and aims implementing the unity of Sudan, or the contrary--the cohesiveness of Sudan or its fragmentation and disintegration? Free revolutionary citizens: The foiled, routed, malicious and cowardly conspiracy with its stooges which moved with [words indistinct] and which declared its wish through the way it behaved and through what it declared has revealed its identity through what it told the citizens and through what the citizens said about it.

Free revolutionary citizens, the remnants of the so-called National Front have spoken, within and without, of what it called the dictatorial oppression in Sudan, and what it alleged to be a ban on the freedom of thought and expression inside the country at a time when its elements in the heart of the capital, and indeed inside its most sacred places, were speaking about an idea or thought which, although we disagree with it, we respected. But they exceeded this through false opportunism, public insult and flagrant instigation to bring **down** the banner of the revolution and to assassinate its leader. We were patient toward all these, not because we were eager to preserve them, but we were eager to preserve the higher [word indistinct] which the constitution of the country provides.

As for the privilege of freedom we have provided inside the university, we saw that it had gone beyond all limits at a time when the university campus had become a den for renegades, traitors and [words indistinct] among those who call themselves the leaders of the National Front. Brothers, such was the march of the preparations which had **continued** for a number of months--preparations which had gone beyond the limits of threat through words to the attempt to move with violence and coercion, blood and force. They have forgotten the claims of democracy, freedom and [words indistinct] and resorted to the force of arms in order to confront a legitimate authority which the people have accepted, and which through a permanent constitution, a program of action and within the framework of their political and constitutional organization, they have given a place. They proceeded with their mad and cowardly move that night. Their movements were being **observed** and recorded by the security organs of the armed forces. [passage indistinct]

The first statement about the [word indistinct] of the plot was received a little before midnight. The competent senior officers then met inside the general command and made their immediate moves to thwart the plot. The plotters included not more than 70 individuals from different branches of the armed services and from different points. With the discovery of their affair and the inevitability of their being routed, they hastened to move before the fixed time. Strict instructions were issued that there should be no chasing of the plotters in the streets so the people would not be frightened by the exchange of fire. This was ordered out of concern for the lives of the people and for their property. [applause]

Esteemed brother citizens: I have spoken to you about the plot and its objectives. Let me now talk to you about the leader of the treachery or, more correctly, the front of the treachery. Who was he? Let us talk about Lt Col Hasan Husayn Uthman, the man who made that feeble improvised statement on what he called a revolution. Lieutenant Colonel Uthman then spoke about democracy. There are many reasons why I should not speak about the lieutenant colonel. Most important of which is that my speech should not become a directive to the judiciary or influence it, so that the law can take its course honorably and impartially. However, I would **say** that this officer was the only one in his group whose promotion was not put forward because of his poor performance and his inefficiency.

Free, revolutionary, brother citizens. There is no longer any room for doubt that the so-called National Front had (?prepared) [words indistinct] to ignore [Arabic: itarada] all the (?official) limits and all the legitimate limits. It first moved through malice and instigation, then through lies and fabrication, and lastly planned, engineered and implemented a conspiracy whose failure was inevitable.

However, its ramifications could be grave and considerable. Endangering of the security of the nation, (?playing about) with the gains of the people, risking the unity of the homeland--all this demands of us a stand in relation to those outside, where [word indistinct] of dissension are concentrated, planning and financing [words indistinct].

In relation to those outside, I, from here and in front of you all, address Brother Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi, the Libyan president, to tell him I do not accuse anybody of anything in particular, neither do I hint at or allude to anybody. But I tell you, dear brother, the capital of your country, which up to now (?includes) elements whose conspiracy has been proved against a country and a nation that are fraternal to the Libyan homeland and the Libyan people--the capital of your country where Ash-Sharif Husayn al-Hindi [minister of finance and economy in the defunct regime], Babikr Karrar and Umar Nur ad-Daim and others [words indistinct] of the so-called [word indistinct] National Front live--that capital of your country to which (Sadiq) al-Mahdi makes a pilgrimage time and again, where he is received and honored, where he contacts his henchmen, where he meets the runaway communist, 'Izz ad-Din 'ali Amir, from where he leaves Libya, the Arab homeland, to go to London and from there to Rome to meet the Israeli agent, Philip Abbas (Obok), to implement with him and plan for an objective that is farthest from being one of the objectives of our people and of our nation [applause]--the capital of your country, which includes all these people who acted through (?annoyance) and conspiracy, traitorous conspiracy--(?I do not) believe nor do I (?think) that necessity demands that your capital accommodate them after their traitorous aims had been exposed with evidence [words indistinct].

And I tell you, brother, I tell you, dear brother, the people of the Sudan are entitled to ask about the sums of money that were found in the pockets and [word indistinct] of the conspirators after the crushing of the conspiracy, sums of money that are a great deal more than the (?legitimate) income earned throughout their lives and which have been categorized as follows: 78,500 American dollars; 120,321 pounds sterling; 23,920 Sudanese pounds. The Sudanese people have a right to ask, from where did they get all this? [words indistinct] And I tell you, dear brother, without making any accusation and without any doubt, we have differed in our ideologies for some time. You wanted a reconciliation in solidarity, although each of us would retain his ideology and program without trusteeship. We accepted the reconciliation and we transcended it to the limits of cooperation, indeed of integration.

Because of all this, I tell you, Brother Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi, you certainly would not agree, nor would I agree, that Khartoum should be the headquarters or even a place of transit for conspirators against the Libyan people or against their revolution. [applause] Likewise, I do not think from now on you will agree to Tripoli being a retreat for conspiracy against a brotherly people like the Sudanese.

Free, revolutionary brother citizens: Your revolution has come through ordeals and perils, thanks to your steadfastness. We have achieved victory after victory thanks to your will, your initiative and your consistent ability to rout the enemies of the people and revolution.

The brothers have abided by the law, [words indistinct] by the constitution, as a covenant and pledge. However, the hired traitors and agents have always used the sovereignty of the law as a cover before infringing it and have sought protection from the provisions of the constitution while preparing to violate it. Their first aim was to dissolve the People's Assembly and our political organization. Their first step was to violate the law and its sovereignty, while trying to take control of the legal and popular authority. For this reason, brothers, a stand against what has happened demands [words indistinct] of what we hold in our hands in order to defend the overall development of our country, and in a way that is unprecedented; in order to defend national unity, which has healed the wounds of years of bloodshed, subjugation and violence; in order to defend the revolution's conquest of the frontiers of death through drought and of the frontiers of ruin through ignorance [words indistinct] in order to defend Sudan's Arab, African and international status, its effective role, its (?resoluteness) and effectiveness in the international community; in order to defend the development that has been achieved during these (?brilliant) and prosperous years that the revolution has devoted to attaining an honorable reputation; in order to defend the law itself, the constitution itself, the security of the citizen, his freedom and safety against the conspiracy of the spiteful agent renegades.

Because of all this, brothers, a stand against all that happened demands the drafting of a law for the security of the revolution which will be more effective than the current law for the security of the state and will deter the enemies of the people. If an amendment in the constitution is needed, the people [words indistinct] are capable of amending it, seeking guidance from their pioneer experience and from what they have faced, namely conspiracies and treason. Brothers: A law for the security of the revolution and courts for trying those who attack the revolution and the people have become necessary for the stage in which we will complete the firm foundation of the bases of our national unity and of our lofty establishment. Brothers: On your behalf I will propose that the relevant institutions either by drafting a law that will safeguard the security of the revolution or by amending the constitution [words indistinct] [applause].

Free brothers: The people have a right to honorable treatment, and knowledge must be respected. The conspiracy [words indistinct] that occurred at night was meant [words indistinct] and deceive. Its first signs and stirrings emerged in the campus of Khartoum University and under its protection. The freedom which the people wanted for the university--freedom of knowledge, freedom of research, freedom of learning--has been turned through a minority of its students into a source of conspiracy, a nest in which the traitors and renegades meet. It is time for this situation to end; the alleged exercise of freedom has turned into an ugly conspiracy against it. It has come to the knowledge of security men that Khartoum University, which became the center for preparing the conspiracy thanks to a renegade agent minority of its students, has turned into a refuge for the cowardly fleeing traitors, following the failure and routing of the conspiracy. It was incumbent on us, out of concern first for the sanctity of the university, and secondly for the security and safety of my sons the students, to safeguard it from what could happen there because of this unusual situation. The (?security) forces carried out a search. I regret and am sad to announce that its results were not the discovery of scientific books or of examples of applied research but, on the contrary, some of the fleeing traitors from the scattered remnants of the conspiracy were found in the university among the hired minority of students.

Quantities of arms and ammunition were also found together with publications of the National Front and sums of money in foreign currencies for which, considering its objective and its mission, the university is not, I think, the proper place.

Therefore, brothers, from this very instant, the security forces and all their departments are entitled to storm any place [applause] where the banner of treason, its first signs and stirrings, emerge. I direct the security forces to carry out, as of today and for the next 2 months, periodic and surprise searches of this area, even if that be daily.

Whoever wants to oppose this, the rostrums are here [applause] and the Socialist Union and its mass organizations are available. Whoever wants to conspire, the citadel of knowledge will henceforth not accommodate agent conspirators and traitors. From now on, I cannot allow the university, which is financed by our toiling people, to remain as it was and indeed what it has been proved to be--a site for conspiring against the people who own it and have a stake in it.

Accordingly, brothers, I have decided to close Khartoum University as of now. [applause] Accordingly, brothers, I have decided, in the name of the people, to close Khartoum University as of now. It will be reopened later under the banners of the revolution and its pioneer organization, the Sudanese Socialist Union. [applause]

Revolutionary, free brothers: a study of what has happened demands that we implement what I previously announced--namely, that there will be places of leadership in the ranks of the public service, and consequently there will be places in the (?universities) too, only for those who are committed to the people and their revolution in thought, fulfillment and performance [long applause] And from time to time you will hear in the news the pensioning off of a number of them without (?any mention of reasons). [voice drowned by applause]

Free, revolutionary citizen brothers: Precious blood has been shed. Dear souls have been ruined. Your brothers in the Peoples Armed Forces, and indeed among the ranks of the people, have fallen in confronting the despicable conspiracy. [passage indistinct]

Free, revolutionary citizen brothers; in the name of you all, I extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the peoples of the Arab and Islamic nation and to the friendly peoples, whose cables have arrived successively, expressing their joy at the victory of the will of the [word indistinct], Sudanese people. I also extend sincere thanks and greetings to the brother Arab kings and presidents whose feelings are a reflection of the depth of the ties between the Sudanese people and the peoples of the Arab nation.

I congratulate you on your great [word indistinct]. I congratulate you on your victories revolution. I repeat the promise and I repeat the pledge that I am at the forefront of these people. I bear their banner or I fall under it, confident, believing, positive that if Numayri falls the revolution will remain and if Numayri disappears, our great immortal people will continue their loyalty to their revolution, their adherence to their principles, their determination to proceed on this very road--the road of May, the road of prosperity, liberation and happiness. I greet you, brothers, and I thank you, and peace, God's mercy and blessings be upon you.