

## SUDAN

### NUMAYRI WARNS OF 'BIG POWER' MANEUVERS IN AFRICA

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[Speech by President Ja'far Numayri at a rally in Dunqulah to mark the 22d anniversary of Sudan's independence--live]

[Excerpts] We realize that a capable and independent Sudan will always be a target of the ambitions and conspiracies of forces that mistakenly believe that they can subjugate our will, control our resources and use the soil of our homeland as a ferry and a bridge to achieve their ambitions in the African Continent and the Arab world [words indistinct].

The Sudan, which said "no" to attempts to dominate by subjugation in 1971, is the Sudan which said "no" to attempts to dominate by invasion in 1976. On both occasions it said this word in blood and sacrifice. We know by experience, and not just in theory, the price that great peoples must pay to defend their independence and their free will. It is a price that we have paid several times and will continue to pay whenever the ambition to dominate and control, infiltrate and encircle seeks to impose its will on us by conspiracy or subjugation.

We see a big power alleging that it is raising the banners of peace, just as it alleges that it is the champion of peace. Yet that big power has replaced slogans with guns and words with weapons and has exhausted the energies of several peoples, causing some to attack others to serve its interests and others to defend themselves against attempts made by its adherents although all of them are victims of its ambitions and aims to dominate and expand.

We know that a big power is still continuing its conspiracy against Sudan and its revolution, against Sudan and its people, against Sudan and the achievements and victories it has realized in all spheres. Brothers, we know that a big power has not gotten over its rage against the people of Sudan, who said "no" to any subjugation of their will, just as they said "no" to the (?treachery) of surprise attack and unexpected and dastardly invasion.

We know that this state wants Sudan to be its point of entry for a fresh return to positions that it lost in the African Continent and the Arab world. We know that this state is planning and conspiring against Sudan, its people and revolution, against Sudan and its gains. Although we have exercised patience and held our silence so far, we nonetheless have details, details which neither our patience nor our silence will accommodate if such despicable treachery continues.

From here and on this occasion I raise my voice aloud. I warn the brothers in the Arab and African states against the designs of this big power, which is trying to dominate by ideological subjugation first, and then by subjection of the will, hiding behind protestations of a friendship that does not last, affection that does not [word indistinct] and alliance that does not continue. Whenever the national will collides with the wish to dominate, the expansionist strategies and savage ambitions of this big power, it becomes hostile, launches campaigns of accusation, and indeed resorts to conspiracy and hostility.

Perhaps the example is clear in East Africa. My brother and friend, President Siad Barre, told me yesterday about all that this big power is doing, namely, conspiring in this region, and how they are struggling (?with determination) to isolate it from this region. We extend our hand to meet his. I also advise the African and Arab states to hold out their hand to join ours so that we may combat this canker which is alien to our country. From here also I warn the brothers in the Arab nation and the African Continent against the suspect alliance with this state, mutual (?security) agreements and friendship treaties with it, because we here in the Sudan as well as our brothers (?from the states of the continent) and the [word indistinct] nation have [word indistinct] and know the aims of these agreements and treaties which were merely (?for the gains) and ambitions of this power and its designs for domination and imposition of its will.

The peoples and states of the Arab nation and the African Continent are capable of protecting their security by relying on their own capabilities.

From a position of responsible participation, we are working for and demanding the unity of Arab ranks, the return of Arab solidarity and Arab unity in order to liberate the land still occupied and to (?affirm) the right of the Palestinian people to their homeland.

We firmly believe that differences (?of opinion), multiplicity of [words indistinct] and diversity of methods cannot be a reason for Arab disunity.

The Sudan will continue its moves and efforts to consolidate and reaffirm Arab solidarity and the unity of Arab ranks [words indistinct]. The Sudan will remain in its position as [words indistinct] of the Arab nation, a partner in its struggle for the sake of peace based on justice, the liberation of occupied Arab land and the safeguarding of the rights of the brotherly Palestinian people.