

## SUDAN

### NUMAYRI ADDRESSES FESTIVE RALLY IN JUBA

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[Speech by Sudanese President Numayri at a meeting to mark the fifth anniversary of the Addis Ababa agreement on national unity in Juba--live]

[Excerpts] Brothers, the reply of the sons of this region to conspiracy was exactly the same as that of their brothers in the north--(?foil) every determination to protect the unity of the nation and the soil of the homeland and a renewed pledge of loyalty to the revolution and its leadership.

Brothers, I take the opportunity of this great celebration to commend you all. I commend all our people in the southern region, headed by our armed forces, the police and prisons, for their vigilance and consciousness, for their sacrifices and for the martyrs they gave up in defense of the revolution and their national unity.

Brothers, the historic and heroic role of the sons of the southern region during the Libyan reactionary invasion will remain a prominent witness to this. Your bold role recently in repulsing the dastardly conspiracy of Juba airport has silenced for good, God willing, the tongues of those malicious people who imagine that Sudan could revert to the era of disunity and fragmentation. Sudan, which carries the gun to protect its land, honor, soil, legacy, borders and banners, will continue to lead the champions of the right of every people to defend their territory. It will continue to oppose any interference in the affairs of others. It will continue to uphold the principles of good-neighborliness and fruitful close cooperation with all neighbors.

This has been our call in all the concourses of nations and it will continue to be so. It has been our slogan in all the concourses of Africa and will continue to be so. We, who made unity through peace, cannot be advocates of disunity and disruption. We shall inflict double retaliation upon whoever embarks on hostility against us. Indeed, we will not permit provocation, or even aggression, to cause us to deviate from our principled position.

Free revolutionary brothers, these are a few traits and features of our experiment in building national unity and entrenching government in this dear part of the homeland. It is an experiment requiring constant work and true implementation of the stipulations of the Addis Ababa agreement and the regional autonomy law. Brothers, this experiment has proved the correctness of the revolution's choice when it committed itself, from the very beginning, as I said earlier, to embarking upon a new method and a unique manner of administering and developing the southern region on the basis of [word indistinct] facts that advocate unity with the north and on the basis of future aspirations, which obligate us to build a modern state, based on the principles of justice, prosperity and equality.

Brothers, I will not leave this place; free revolutionary brothers, I will not leave this place before I extend to you at this massive rally and to our masses throughout the homeland sincere congratulations on what you have achieved thanks to your loyalty to the revolution, the cohesion of your ranks and your sacrifices in all places of work and at all levels of responsibility. If I have to offer special congratulations to anyone, then I single out militant Brother Abel Alier, the dutiful son of Sudan, [applause] and the militant brother, Maj Gen Joseph Lagu, [applause], for their important role in building a united Sudan. They have done this with courage, loyalty and devotion to build national unity and firmly to establish the practice of democracy. All thanks be to God, praise upon Him, the Most High, who granted us help and success. Glory and immortality to Sudan, the people of Sudan and the revolution of Sudan. Peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you.