

Al-Bashir's 27 Nov Martyrs' Day Speech Broadcast

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**[Martyrs' Day Speech by National Salvation Revolution
Command Council Chairman Lieutenant General
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**[Excerpts] In the name of God the compassionate the
merciful. [passage omitted]**

Dear citizens, brother comrades-in-arms. God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you all. We commemorate today the anniversary of the homeland's martyrs, who perfumed with their fragrant blood the soil of this land, and gave their lives as nothing on the road of right and sacrifice. It behooves us to stand in respect for them, and for their immortalization, for their loyalty and ability to give, and to sacrifice. It is due to their brilliant daring that we are proud of their sacrifice.

Dear citizens, the sons of the Armed Forces throughout our long history have made us proud because of their victories. They have hastened to the fields of sacrifice. They always have been the spearhead and vanguard of the struggle. [passage omitted]

The homeland which has [word indistinct] for the revolution of its people and stood against partisanship, divisiveness, and disunity, stands today loftily and with pride, aspiring towards its reconstruction, under the banners of unity, stability and security.

The revolution's efforts have been in the direction of staunching the blood of the sons of the one homeland. Sudan has harvested from the infighting only destruction, ruin and the grief of those who have lost their sons or husbands. For this reason we most sincerely hope the Nairobi talks on 1 December will be the final stage for uniting the voice of the Sudanese and the unification of their ideas, so Sudan can stand up from its fall to become a mighty giant in the heart of the brown continent.

Dear citizens, brother comrades-in-arms. The revolution took an interest in the Armed Forces right from the start, after they had been totally forgotten. The Armed Forces found nothing in the previous governments but neglect and lack of seriousness in qualifying and training them and raising their combat capabilities. Our interest in the Armed Forces stems from our deep faith they are the mainstay of the people and the protector of homes and womenfolk. We shall give them all our attention and care so they can march in step with the spirit of the age, and fulfil the aspirations of Sudan, namely, the preservation of its integrity and the safety of its territory.

It is due to this fact we are interested in developing the Armed Forces, both in training and equipment. Similarly, we shall give the individual soldier the same attention and care, out of consideration for the person who stands behind the machine. We must train him and provide him with all the conditions of decent life, so he can discharge his duty with efficiency and capability. [passage omitted]

Dear citizens, your soldiers are the soldiers of God. They always have offered pledges to give their lives as ransom in defense of the land. Their convoys will be scoring victories in the (?grasslands) and the forests, propelled by the hands of [word indistinct] and their unshakable faith. Their fingers will remain on the trigger against all those who are raising their hands against us, or attempting to detract from our honor and dignity. They always will stand by their pledges, standing resolutely for the unity of the homeland and the defense of its every inch.

From this place, I wish to call upon all those who deviated and carried arms against the will of their people, to harken to the voice of reason and logic and return to the fold of the homeland, to participate and contribute to its building and the elevation of its reputation. Our slogan is this: The revolution is for all. We do not wish to isolate anyone. We do not seek enmity, even against an individual, since there is no room for partisanship, or gathering into parties in our ranks.

The revolution was sparked by the will of the people. It will not be diverted from its progress by any sick whispering, or false rumor-mongering, or by anyone opposed to the aspirations and hopes of this nation. Dear citizens, the homeland will remain dignified with the sacrifice of its sons, honored with the loyalty of its Army, enveloped in the glory of the dutiful martyrs. Immortality always for the homeland. Pride and dignity for its sons. Long live the anniversary of the martyrs as a beacon for the conscience of the people.

On this great occasion, we salute respectfully all the fighters stationed in the different areas of operations, and in all parts of the homeland. They are the defenders of its honour with determination, patience and steadfastness. Glory to them for keeping aloft the flag of unity, security and peace. God's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you all.