

SUDAN

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ON INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

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[Numayri speech in Aldamar marking 19th anniversary of Sudanese Independence]

[Excerpts] Brothers! I shall continue to be loyal to what the constitution has put in my trust--loyal in heart, mind and work to protect the people's gains [applause]. I shall continue to be loyal to protecting the peoples gains, strengthening solidarity among the people's working forces and achieving freedom, justice and prosperity for the masses of the people. These are the historical tasks undertaken by the May revolution--tasks of national unity, development and construction, and social revolution.

Thanks be to God, who has guided our steps. Many thanks to him! The revolution is (?triumphant) and is capable of pardoning and forgiving. It extends a clean [bayda] hand without evil to all those who prefer participation to bragging, faith to doubt, and unity to division. The revoultion will continue with its tolerance, dressing the woulds of all those who have been (?harmed) by sedition and plots and rectifying what has been corrupted by hatred and enmity.

Brothers: You should not take this to mean a search for conciliation and compromise. There shall be no conciliation or compromise with parties and party adherents, sectarianism and its adherents, except those who have repented. [Applause and shouts of: "No parties and no reaction"]

Free revolutionary brothers! The new year holds out evil portents to the entire world. The hectic prices, inflation, the deterioration in the standards of living of workers [numuw al-amalah] and stagnation in foreign trade are about to drag the entire world into a grinding economic crisis. Big and small countries alike are on the verge of bankruptcy and famine. Dangers to peace and security have intensified to a degree unprecedented in the world for a long time. The complications will bevery disastrous if the world (?abuses) the spirit of international responsibility and humanity and if the strong disavow the principles of peace and international law.

It is fortunate for the world that the keys to peace are no longer the monopoly of a handful of despots and that the fulcrums of world policy and the questions of war and peace are no longer dependent upon the detente among the major powers, their collusion or their conflict.

Brothers: We are living in an era of independence--an era of complete national independence of the people of the Third World. We are living in an age of the complete collapse of both the old and the new colonialist (?regime). We are living in an age which the vanquished peoples. . .[applause and shouts: "You are the leader, oh President"] Brothers: We are living in an era in which the vanquished peoples have taken ownership of the treasures of their wealth and natural resources.

We are experiencing the birth pangs of an era of complete equality in the conditions of international dealings among all the members of the international community, without discrimination because of might, size or advancement.

We are living in an age in which the peoples of Asia and Africa no longer delight in flags and songs but look forward with hope and, through struggle, to achieving social and economic progress and getting rid of the domination of the worn-out forces within the country and the domination of foreign influence. Brothers: The African struggle has liberated Guinea-Bissau, Angola and Mozambique from the grip of Portuguese colonialism. It has even liberated Portugal itself from the fascist, reactionary oppression. [applause] The reactionary regimes in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa are staggering on the brink of collapse, paving the way for national, African governments based on the will of the African majority that shall triumph, God willing.

In Palestine and in the wake of the glorious Ramadan war the spirit of despair beset the Zionist enemy. Crises of confidence, (?bankruptcy) and isolation also gripped it, and it fell victim to successive cordons of blockage. The eyes of the world have been opened to the dangers to peace, international relations and the values of humanity which come from the venom of the Zionist racial fanaticism and from its deep-rooted spirit of aggression. [shouts of: "Long live Arab solidarity"] The eyes of humanity have been opened to the great tragedy, that is unprecedented in the history of humanity in its cruelty, injustice and aggression--the tragedy of the Palestinian people. The eyes of humanity have been opened to the fundamental fact that it is impossible to achieve stable and permanent peace without just recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people. [applause]

Brothers: any settlement of the questions of war and peace and the international boundaries in the Arab East will not be destined to last if it ignores the right of the Palestinian people to the establishment of an independent Palestinian authority and the right of the Palestinians to return to the land of Palestine. If the first stage toward a peaceful settlement necessitates Israeli withdrawal to the pre-6 July 1967 lines, the second stage necessitates a continuation of the Israeli withdrawal to the November 1947 lines, as decided upon by the United Nations at the time. [applause and shouts of: "long live the struggle of the Palestinian people"]

Brothers: The fabricated Zionist entity, based on religious and historical fanaticism, is committing the biggest crime against civilization and human history by distorting the features of an entire homeland. It does this by its attempt to bury this homeland's heritage and culture and by its glory fabricated by the hundreds of thousands of immigrants from the nations of the West and East under [word indistinct] of militarism, simmering tension, and false response to the (?spurious) call. Humanity must inevitably find a solution to the [word indistinct] flood of immigration. It must put an end to its military and cultural menaces to the Arab area and the entire world.

Brothers; I call upon the Sudanese Jews who emigrated to Israel to rescue themselves from the crisis of the fabricated Israeli entity. [applause] I open to them the doors of my country, Sudan, so that they may live as free citizens [applause], as equals in a country that knows no discrimination, differentiation or fanaticism. [applause]

Brothers: We have continued to be loyal to our foreign policy which is based on strengthening Arab solidarity and on consolidating the ties of the Arab and African revolutions and on strengthening cooperation and trade with our brothers and friends, in a manner that will enable the country to achieve its historical tasks of development and progress.

We are adopting an open-door policy toward the entire world without complex or bias. Our policy dictates only our nationalism and interests and responsibilities. We seek to win more friends in the continents of the whole world. We also seek to strengthen our friendship with our brothers and neighbors and friends, not only for the sake of friendship and peace, but also for the sake of strengthening the ties of cooperation and fruitful exchange on the basis of equality.

Brothers: We will seek to play an effective role to have the Arab-European dialog achieve positive results so that Europe may understand the Arab cause and assume its role to achieve a just peace in the Arab East, and so that we may achieve the best formula for joint participation of the Arab capital and European industry and the African resources in rescuing humanity from famine, stagnation and backwardness. [applause]

Brothers: Let our new year be a year of great victories in the unity of our homeland, in the development of our country and in the prosperity of our social revolution. The new banner of Sudan, the banner of the May revolution, is the banner of complete independence, the banner of unity [applause], the banner of (?development), the banner of social revolution, glory to our nation, glory to the Sudanese revolution, glory to the sons of the Nile. May peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you. [applause]