

# AN-NUMAYRI WELCOMES NASIR, REVIEWS REVOLUTION GAINS

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[Speech by the chairman of the Revolution Command Council, Jafar an-Numayri, at sports stadium in Khartoum on Sudan's independence anniversary--live]

[Excerpts] Brother Jamal, Free citizens: Two happy occasions are celebrated on this glorious day: The May revolution's first celebration of the Sudanese independence

anniversary, and the first meeting of the new revolutionary Sudan with Abd an-Nasir of the Arabs on the pure soil of our country. [applause]

By celebrating its first meeting with Abd an-Nasir on Sudanese soil, the revolution pays homage through his person to the giant Egyptian people--companions of the Sudanese people on the path of the great struggle--who never weakened or gave up their epic battle for liberation and construction.

By welcoming Abd an-Nasir to Sudanese territory--which is his territory--the revolution pays tribute to a pioneering leader who has singlehandedly worked more than any other leader in our contemporary history to change life in his country in a radical and beneficial manner. [cheers and applause]

The independence of modern Sudan became a reality thanks to the Mahdi revolution and the Mahdi ideology, which confirmed the reality of contemporary Sudan not as a national state in the European sense of nationalism, but as an Islamic Arab (?entity) oriented toward the Arab world and conveying to it the message of freedom. Thus, the Mahdi revolution was the first genuine Sudanese effort to sow the seeds of Arab revolution in Sudan. Arabism and Islam were synonyms in that era. [cheers and applause]

I must tell you citizens that the little they achieved [previous regimes] in the economic development field--which sometimes was due to certain efforts and most of the time due to inherent driving power--was not beneficial to Sudan, like all unplanned development. Er-Roseires dam, which cost the state 32 million pounds, is still a wall standing on the Nile and brings only some indirect benefits.

The industrial projects, in which 35 million pounds were invested, became a burden on the coffers. It is costing 7 million pounds to make up the deficit resulting from poor planning, mismanagement, and criminal neglect. Agrarian reform, which should be a fruitful economic project bringing benefits to a state in addition to reducing wasteland, was implemented in an improvised and halfhearted manner. This caused the state to spend this year alone more than 3 million pounds to cover the deficit, which was previously covered by the banks.

In the foreign affairs field, they wanted the great Sudan to be a negligible quantity--isolated from the Arab revolution and alien to the African revolution.

Free citizens, this is what the independence-makers made of the independence. Therefore, the revolutionary vanguards had to assemble to remove the blemishes that marred independence. Thus came the October revolution, which was buried prematurely because the plotters refused to allow it to continue its progressive march. This was followed by a period of darkness in which the conscientious people suffered greatly until the Army vanguards--supported by the people who were disappointed with the leadership--took action to restore the independence to its right and clear perspective.

Free citizens, some of you may ask: What have you done during the past 6 months? [cheers] Some ask sincerely while others ask out of sympathy for the regime. Others ask about things circulated by rumormongers in the city clubs and shops--people about whom we are well informed. [applause] I will repeat today what I said yesterday: that the revolution does not promise you the stars nor will it do so.

Today I will repeat that the skies do not rain gold and silver nor will they do so. [applause] I will say again today what I said yesterday: Ask not what the revolution can offer us, but what you can offer the revolution. [prolonged cheers and applause]

We shall build the new Sudan and turn this good earth, which was handed to us by the previous rulers in fallow and poor condition, into green and productive fields. [applause]

The revolution is building for a new society, but new societies cannot be built in days, months, or years.

We shall continue to march on the path which we outlined in June, despite the internal and external plotting. We will continue building and construction in accordance with projects I outlined during my visit to the southern provinces. We will go ahead in creating the wide democratic base and establishing the bases of security without which development and construction are impossible. We will face plotting with revolutionary vigilance and action. [applause]

Our foreign trade is primarily based on Sudan's interests. In the field of industrial development, we have for the first time been able to establish a formula according to which we will achieve a surplus of 1 million pounds compared to the 7 million pound deficit in the past. [applause]

In addition, several agreements were signed with the great Soviet Union [applause] to implement major production projects. There are also small production projects in the Sudanese rural areas, both in the north and the east, as well as irrigation projects in the west and south. Furthermore, we are coordinating the work of agriculture cooperatives in all fields.

Free citizens, in foreign affairs our policy is derived from and closely associated with your principles. This policy serves the aims of these principles and sincerely presents them on international rostrums.

You have stood by the side of the Palestinian people's revolution against the Zionist state, the mainstay of new imperialism in the Arab land. You have assumed your natural role in the frontline to repel the Zionist enemy and thwart his plots by supporting the valiant Palestinian revolution to liberate Palestine. Your stand toward those who support Zionist aggression, foremost of which is the United States, is clear and unequivocal. You have defined your stand, just as they have defined their stand toward the cause of the Arab nation.

With the same spirit you have supported the Vietnamese people's brave struggle against the aggressive invaders; you have recognized their revolutionary government, the true representative of the Vietnamese people. You have called for withdrawal of the aggressive forces so that the heroic Vietnamese people will be free to build.

In your belief in the need for economic and social development within the framework of socialism, you have opened the door for dealing with those who believe in the inevitability of the triumph of socialism and its spread over the globe.

I visited the Soviet Union and saw there a working people who have produced great economic and military achievements in a short time. The warm welcome accorded us by the Soviet leaders and people was proof of their respect for you and for the principles of your great revolution. [applause]

We have established our relations with the Soviet Union on new bases founded on cooperation and mutual benefit. I wish to express appreciation for the aid which the Soviet Union and its great people have given us. [applause]

In accordance with its progressive policy, Sudan promotes its relations with the Arab revolutionary states, foremost of which is the UAR. [applause] Sudan supports the UAR on the frontline with the enemy and stands with it in firmly and strenuously repelling the enemy blows. The UAR has always been the source of strength for the Arab nation and for your glorious revolution. Therefore, we must support it so as to achieve victory, which will be a victory for us and for our children as well. Let us pave the way for pan-Arab unity.

When we called for the summit conference and exerted persistent efforts for this purpose, we were aware of the contradictions among the Arab states which could limit the effectiveness of the conference. However, we were also aware of the role of the Arab masses in watching and bringing to account. The conference did not measure up to its responsibility nor to the anticipation of the masses, who are themselves able to shoulder the responsibility.

Free citizens, I have told you that independence day is a historical turning point at which we stand to review our record and to look ahead. Therefore, I must speak to you about the new year.

Nineteen Seventy will witness the initiation of organized popular work [applause] though the revolutionary authority has already been practicing it in an unstudied and irregular manner.

Free citizens, your new year will witness more harmony with all the people's forces. The new year will witness more government cooperation with the people's forces who are progressing more rapidly now than under any former government. This will be achieved through sincere cooperation with the leadership of the trade unions to comprehensively review the circumstances of the people's forces and the laws governing their conditions.

The results of this review will be announced in the near future because we believe in providing the proper and just work conditions so that workers can devote their efforts to the first and fundamental duty in supporting the revolution--increased production. [applause]

The new year will also witness more work in the rural areas of Sudan which remained a closed secret to the previous capital-centered political authority. It recognized these areas only as a source of blind support and a depot from which processions of simple people were marched like animals. It remained a secret to the capital-centered administrative authority, which was captivated by the Khartoum lights blinding their vision to the surrounding countryside extending over a million square miles.

The new year will witness more harmony with the sincere national forces who have no common interests with imperialism and reaction, whatever their former leanings.

The new year, free citizens, will witness more revolutionary vigilance and firmness against those who attempt to obstruct the revolution's march. It will witness more firmness against reaction and those benefiting from it.

Brother Jamal, free citizens, [applause]: Let us take this opportunity to reaffirm to him [Nasir] that the Sudanese people--army and civilians--stand with the immortal Egyptian people and their hero leader [cheers] against the aggressor to protect their territory--the land of Arabdom--and to build their society for the sake of the generations who have been tormented by anticipation. Let us take the opportunity to reaffirm to him that the will of our two peoples can erase from the soil of our beloved valley the shame of occupation and make it a guiding light for dignity, self-sufficiency, and justice. Thank you for your kind attention and May God's peace, mercy, and blessings be with you.