

SPEECH BY PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF

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Political Organisation,
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Comrade Guests,
Comrade Ambassadors of the Sister Arab and friendly Socialist Countries
Male and Female Comrades,

In the name of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman,
(Command & Bases) and in the name of our steadfast Omani people
I thank Comrade Abdel Fattah Ismail, Secretary General of the National
Front Political Organisation for his presence with us to participate
in this crowded massive rally. I also thank the comrade members
of the Central Committee of the National Front Political Organisation.
Please allow me to welcome warmly our guests the delegation of the
Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee which is sharing us our
celebrations. I extend to all great thanks for sharing us in this
rally which is being held to mark the tenth anniversary of the
revolution of our brave Omani people.

Comrades,

On such a day in 1965, our brave people carried
the arms against British colonialism, declaring by that continuation
of their combative procession and expressing their complete rejection
of the British presence and its hegemony choosing the road of armed
struggle only as the means for wresting real independence in order to
rid Oman of colonial influence which is based on military bases and
thousands of military experts and intelligence officers who are in
fact the real rulers in our country. This immortal anniversary
occupies a great position in the hearts of our masses because it
coincides with the passage of ten years full of pains and great sacrifices
during which the revolution faced hard tests and great difficulties
which it managed to overcome and take the masses to new positions on the
road of victory.

Our Omani masses found in the revolution of 14th October a lively
example for the ability of the poor and oppressed people to confront
the colonialists who are superior by arms and men and to realise
victory after another and crystallise their identity which the colonialists
tried to deface.

The revolution of 14th October has proved that the path of the armed struggle is the road of freedom for peoples lying under the yoke of old and neo-colonialism. Moreover the revolution of the Yemeni people against British colonialism which is continuing in the Arabian Peninsula have had great effect in breaking the barriers of terror and fear in the hearts of the masses. It also constituted a start for the end of British presence which is lying on the chests of our Arab people in this area.

Comrades,

Britain has realised since the start of the revolution and the danger posed by the revolution to its interests and hegemony over Oman and the rest of the nearby area. So it resorted to the methods of repression and terrorism and mobilised and recruited thousands of mercenaries from different casts and nationalities and isolated the country from the world so that the tyranny and oppression going on there is not known repeating by that the killings and destruction committed in Oman during the uprising of our people in 1957 when it destroyed the towns with the inhabitants and burnt the farms and exterminated the properties. But the escalation of the revolution in Dhofar and the casting of its blaze with the flare up of the uprising of 12th June, 1970 in the heart of Oman, the place of the British interests, made it revise its old plans and renew its confrontation plans in a desperate bid to abort the revolution and bounce on it. It resorted to wiping out its puppet Saeed bin Taimour sticking to him all the crimes committed by its machineries and so replaced him by his son Qaboos who was brought up in the laps of the British officers who pictured him as the rescuer of the Omani people and leader of Oman towards the Arab and world switch-over. This was nothing but an indicator to a huge conspiracy which was drawn up by Anglo-American imperialism for withdrawing the massive carpet from beneath the feet of the revolution and its isolation politically prior to its liquidation.

The People's Liberation Army, People's Militia and the masses of the revolution in the liberated areas have confronted the entire military plans of Anglo-Iranians and the mercenaries of Qaboos starting from the October/November 1971 campaign of the Eastern Region, passing by the Iranian invasion of the Red Line in December, 1973 and ending with the recent campaign on the Western Region in December, 1974 and January 1975 during which the forces of the revolution have recorded wonderful heroic figures and inflicted upon the enemy huge losses in life and equipment and forced him to retreat in his positions and live with constant fear and panic as a result of the blows directed against him daily.

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In spite of these successive military campaigns and in spite of the modest potentialities of the revolution, yet the revolution, during the past decay of its age, managed to realise a number of important accomplishments including the establishment of two schools which accommodate about 1,000 male and female students, anti-illiteracy centres within the ranks of the adults and the establishment of centres for medical services as well as the construction of reservoirs, opening of roads and other simple projects which are of benefit to the citizens. The revolution also gave attention to the woman as it opened the way in front of her for extensively sharing with man in the combative activities after her role was not exceeding the house work and delivery of children. The woman is now sharing the man in carrying the weapons and defending the homeland and the Omani woman proved her capability in shouldering national responsibilities and fell on the ground of honour such as female martyr Fatimah Ghananah, female martyr Muna Awadh, female martyr Fatimah Ahmed Saeed and others. The woman also entered the prisons and detentions along with man. The front had also established elected People's Councils in the liberated areas standing for solving the problems of citizens and organisation of their life.

Comrades,

After failing to liquidate the revolution, the British ought to have given the basic role to American imperialism. This of course coincides with the changes in the imperialist camp as America is now shouldering the task of repressing the peoples whom the old colonialist countries failed to extinguish their struggle. This plan is based on the following:-

1) To give Oman a fictitious independence and to introduce her to Arab and international assemblies as an independent State although the colonialist presence is deepening and expanding in it day after day.

2) To freeze differences in the imperialist-cum-reactionary camp and to establish an unholy pact to liquidate the revolution in Oman. All these settlements and deals are taking place at the expense of the Omani people.

3) To introduce new parties into the filthy war which is being led by Anglo-American imperialism in return for giving them a share of influence over our country and looting the wealths of our homeland. On these bases the henchmen of King Hussein have been brought and thousands of mercenaries have been recruited from different casts and nationalities and special British forces have been used. This unity was crowned by the Iranian invasion of our country at the end of 1973.

4) The last to be reached by this filthy plan is the bargain by the reactionary and repressive regimes over the Iranian presence in Oman in return for an Arab reactionary presence which undertakes protection of the puppet regime in Muscat and looks after the foreign interests and shoulders the filthy assignment which Iran failed to carry out. This is to liquidate the revolution and to subjugate the will of the Omani people ignoring that the revolution is having its power taken from the will of the masses towards incurring a real change. The change of colonial facades and tricks cannot overcome our people and cannot deter the procession of our people.

Our people are struggling for legitimate objectives and for their right for complete independence and liquidation of the foreign presence and toppling down of the traitorous al-Busaid rule which opened the doors of Oman widely for the colonialists and Iranian invaders. Our people also run after the liquidation of foreign interests which absorb the plentifulness of our country and oppress our people.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman is leading our people in their struggle for realising the full objectives and not for sharing the crumbs left from the table of colonialism with the puppets in Muscat. If there is anyone who wants to share in dividing these crumbs and endeavours rapidly to impose a submissive settlement on our people under different weak justifications, then such tricks and games cannot overcome our people. The conspiracy which is currently being woven against our people, is in fact part of the imperialist-zionist-reactionary plan which aims at imposing a submissive settlement on the Arab people and at liquidating the Palestinian revolution and re-instating the imperialist, zionist and reactionary influence over the Arab nation entirely.

American imperialism and local reaction realise that the basic obstacle in the face of this plan is represented in the armed revolutions in Palestine, Oman and Eritrea and in the progressive Arab regimes and in particular the revolutionary regime in Democratic Yemen which constitutes the main tributary and strong background for the revolution of our people.

Comrades,

While celebrating the passage of a full decade over the ignition of the Omani revolution, we are only receiving the second decade while the groups of the Arab revolution face a fierce imperialist offensive aiming at silencing its guns prior to crushing it and liquidating it.

This matter necessarily calls for the unity of the forces of Arab revolution in a united front through they become able to confront the conspiracies of American imperialism which is endeavouring to implement in the Arab area to compensate by that the utter defeat sustained by it at the hands of the people of Vietnam, Cambodian and Laos.

Comrades,

On this great occasion we wish to record our warm praise for the firm revolutionary stand taken by the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen towards the struggle of our people and its continuous backing for it.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman also declares its full support for the Palestine resistance movement under the leadership of its revolutionary vanguards and strongly condemns all submissive bids which the forces of reaction are trying to impose on it. It also deplures and condemns the criminal acts committed by the sectarian Phalangist party against the Palestinian resistance.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman praises the combative cohesion observed by the Iranian progressive forces by the side of the revolution of our people and crystalised that by the remarkable confrontation against the dictatorial Shah-in-Shah regime.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman highly values the stands of support and backing taken by the progressive Arab countries and friendly Socialist countries and all freedom and progress-loving forces in the world towards the just struggle of our people.

Long live the immortal revolution of 9th June.

Long live the glorious revolution of 14th October.

Long live the Arab revolution and its progressive forces.

Death and destruction for American imperialism the enemy of peoples and its traitorous reactionary puppets.

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