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MILITARY REPORT

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The forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia are continuing their strong and concentrated attacks on the positions of the enemy and his centres at al-Mannar, the Central Region and Western Region. During this week British fighter planes carried out criminal raids on the houses of citizens and their grazing places in the Western Region. The attacks carried out by the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia were successful and inflicted on the enemy heavy losses in life, installations, positions and fortifications and set fire to his tents. The following are details of all operations in every area separately.

AL-MANNAR:

On 27th September at 9.30 in this morning our forces operating at al-Mannar shelled with artillery the positions of the enemy at Abu Khuseifa and Mutabrani centres for half an hour. At twelve noon on the same day our forces repeated shelling of the enemy positions at Mutabrani for one complete hour. At three in the evening of the same day our forces repeated shelling of the same positions for a quarter of an hour during which four enemy positions were destroyed and fire was set to his tents for several hours. Enemy casualties were not assessed. Our losses were none.

CENTRAL REGION:

On 21st September, at 8.45 in the morning the enemy advanced from his centre situated at Aqabat Asheikh to the highlands of Tig at Beit Zarbeikh. But our forces were watching the movements of the enemy and so set up ambushes for them. No sooner the enemy forces came near to the ambush traps our heroic comrades rained them with fire from their different weapons for one hour. Enemy losses included the death and injury of nine enemy members and the silencing of a Western made 81-mm gun and a medium machine-gun. A helicopter was seen landing on positions behind the battleground to remove the dead and injured of the enemy. Following this the enemy sought the help of his heavy artillery and fighter planes to break the siege on his mercenary soldiers as the enemy forces lost control on themselves during the battle which led to the defection of a large number of the enemy members in a scattered manner. Our losses were none. On 24th September the British Royal Air Force planes raided the houses of citizens and their cattle in the Central Region, east of the Red Line. But they were intercepted by our ground defences and were forced to escape. The raid resulted in the burning of some caves of the citizens.

WESTERN REGION:

On 22nd September at twelve noon a squadron of British R.A.F. planes raided the Western Region. The raid covered extensive areas as the fighter plane combed the area indiscriminately for half an hour. But they were intercepted by our ground defences which forced them to escape. Our losses included the martyrdom of patriot comrade Mubad Aslam Mahroos and the injury of some comrades slightly along with one of the female citizens.

On 23rd September at 7.45 in the morning our forces shelled with artillery the enemy positions in North Sarfeet for three quarters of an hour. The enemy forces replied fire. Enemy casualties included the death and injury of four members and destruction completely of four positions. From our side comrade Mussallam Ali Mussallam was martyrised.

MARTYR MUSSALLAM ALI MUSSALLAM'S OPERATION:

At 2.30 a.m. our forces shelled with artillery the enemy positions in North Sarfeet. The shelling was strong and concentrated on the enemy positions for one complete hour during which the enemy lost two members between killed and wounded and the destruction of five enemy positions completely. Due to the intensity of the blows of our brave revolutionaries the enemy sought the help of his fighter planes which combed the nearby area indiscriminately. But they were intercepted by our ground forces which forced them escape. Our losses were nothing.

On 25th September at twelve noon the sniping group of our forces launched a sniping operation against the enemy members in North Sarfeet. During this operation three enemy members were either killed or wounded. Following this operation the enemy combed the nearby area with his heavy artillery and medium machine-guns but without realising his criminal targets. On the same day and at one in the afternoon our forces shelled with artillery the enemy positions in North Sarfeet. The artillery shelling, which was concentrated and strong on the enemy positions, continued for 45 minutes. Due to the intensity of the blows of our patriot revolutionaries the enemy sought the help of his fighter planes which were intercepted by our ground defences and forced to escape after hitting one fighter plane which was seen ablaze. From our side patriot Comrade Saad Hassen Ali was martyrised and another comrade was slightly injured.

TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES DURING THESE OPERATIONS:

- 1) Death and injury of eight enemy members
- 2) Destruction of thirteen positions completely.
- 3) Silencing of a Western made 81-mm gun
- 4) Silencing of a medium machine-gun
- 5) The setting up of fire to enemy tents for several hours.

OUR LOSSES IN THESE OPERATIONS:

- 1) Martyrdom of Comrades Muhad Aslan Mahroos, Mussallam Ali Mussallam and Saad Hassen Ali
- 2) Injury of some comrades with a female citizen slightly.
- 3) Burning of some caves of the citizens.

AUTHORITY IN FICTITIOUS FEDERATION CONTINUES CAMPAIGN
AGAINST FREEDOMS

COAST OF OMAN: As a result of the repressive laws against the freedoms of citizens and their rights for expressing their views, the phenomenon of newspapers belonging to cultural and sports clubs spread out. But the authorities in North Oman did not like such move by the citizens and so started to chase them even in this field. A reactionary publications ordinance was issued imposing huge chains on the citizens and their rights for expressing their views. In this reactionary ordinance it was stated as follows:-

- 1) Not to harm the Federal authorities or the government departments
- 2) Not to touch the behaviours of internal or external government departments and not to criticise conditions in the reactionary State.
- 3) Not to oppose the policy of any "friendly" State
- 4) Not to stand against any government employee by criticising or writing about his behaviour whether in the work or outside.

The Government of Abu Dhabi went farther to issue, through the Information Ministry, a reactionary Ordinance for newspapers issued by the clubs. The ordinance stipulates the following:-

- 1) That the club is to submit to the Ministry of Information six photographs for the owner of the newspaper (it is to be recalled that the owners of the said newspapers are the clubs. So how they will submit six photographs for the clubs) and six photographs for the editor-in-chief of the newspaper (it is to be recalled that the editors-in-chief are the cultural committees in these clubs).
- 2) That permission is to be sought from the Ministry of Information (of every Emirate) and the Ministry of Information of the Federation for every issue of the newspaper and the Ministry must be acquainted with everything to be written in the newspaper.
- 3) That the owners of the newspaper are to pay a tax amounting to 1,800 dirhems for every issue (it is to be recalled that the clubs do not possess but meagre amounts for their activities. So how they will be able to pay for every issue 1,800 dirhems.

This reactionary-colonialist ordinance aims at combating the cultural activity in clubs and to confine their activities to games and time spending. The authority proves here that it is an enemy to national culture and to every cultural activity aiming at promoting the awareness of the masses.

QABOOS TO VISIT IRAN TO ASK FOR INCREASE OF IRANIAN AID

Puppet Qaboos will pay a visit to Iran during the next few months. The puppet Qaboos will be accompanied during this visit by a huge delegation composed of "his political and military advisers". The French News-agency reports that the Iranian authorities are at present studying issues connected with the aid that will be extended by Iran to the Sultanate of Qaboos and which will be discussed at length during the visit of puppet Qaboos to Iran. It is expected that Qaboos is to ask the Shah to increase his backing and aid to him and in particular the military backing for confronting the revolution. It is to be recalled that Iran is extending all types of aid and assistance to Qaboos beginning from economic aid and ending with direct military backing as the Iranian forces perform a leading role in the filthy war launched against our people in the Southern Region of Oman - Dhofar. Qaboos made his visit to Iran in 1971 during which he shared in the celebrations by the Iranian reactionary regime marking the passage of two centuries on the foundation of the so-called Parsec Empire.

THREE VISITS BY THREE PUPPETS INGULF TO BRITAIN
SIMULTANEOUSLY AND AFTER ONE OCCASION

Three puppets are visiting London. Qaboos started his visit before nearly two months. He stayed for one month and then left to Tunis, Algiers and France and then returned to London and met the British officials to whom he submitted a report on the outcome of his tour of the countries visited by him. He then returned to Muscat.

Then comes Khalifa al-Thani. He attended the non-aligned conference and then went to London on a visit described, like the one made by Qaboos, as private. The visit by Khalifa lasted nearly two weeks during which he held talks with senior British officials and in particular those responsible for the Gulf.

The third puppet is Zaid. After attending the non-aligned conference in Algiers he went to London where he met the British Premier and Foreign Secretary and other British senior officials and held with them talks described as important.

MESSAGE FROM THE NORTH OF OMAN
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The Jordanian intelligence continue their savage torture against the honest nationalists in the prisons of Abu Dhabi and the rest of the coast of Oman. The torture, conducted and supervised by Rifai al-Hazainch, resulted in the distortion of many detainees as citizen. Murshed Ashihi suffers from a rotten wound in one of his legs and serious bruises and injuries. The intelligence refused to call any doctor or send the detainees to hospitals for treatment from acute sick conditions suffered by them.

Although the conditions of the detainees are deteriorating yet their morale is high in spite of the daily torture and continued interrogation carried out by the Jordanian intelligence. The latest fashion followed by the Jordanian intelligence is to threaten the militants of American interference. Jordanian mercenary (Rifai al-Hazainch) says that Americans prepared to wipe out the people of the area in order to clear the area from this dirty people who do not deserve life. Due to the great anger and hysteria that overcome this puppet mercenary, he started to tell his assistants that these detainees are like gins and that the Jordanian intelligence was tired of interrogating with them. He does not hesitate to utter bad words and insults against our militant people in the coast of Oman.

Differences are deep between the puppets in the Coast of Oman and that the dispute that ensued on the water well and in which the Defence Minister interfered by opening fire on the masses who replied to the Defence Minister and shot down his plane, has developed to a greater extent particular after the puppets in Sharjah discovered that they possess the oil that will make them equal with other puppets and that there is no one better than the other. However, puppet Zaid visited Dubai and met Rashed bin Maktoum. He was preceded by Foreign Minister Ahmed Assuwaidi to settle differences. But he failed in that due to the secondary conflicts between al-Maktoum and the Qassens in Sharjah. Zaid then met with al-Qasseni, Sheikh of Sharjah but he was unable to reach a settlement for such differences. This difference began to reflect on the whole Federation as Khalifa bin Zaid, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, started to receive the Ambassadors of countries in the State of Emirates instead of Rashed although Khalifa has no Federal position and the reception of Ambassadors comes within the duties of Rashed in the absence of puppet Zaid. The puppets failed in uniting their Ministries, as a statement was issued for their unification. But the reality is the opposite. The new budget for 1974, was distributed in Abu Dhabi and the rest of the State of Emirates separately.

MESSAGE FROM BAHRAIN

With the approach of the elections of the so-called Bahraini National Assembly, the masses upto now receive such preparations with great coolness and negligence, as they regard it as a colonialist game. In the view of the masses the forthcoming "National Assembly" will not be of more benefit than the "Constituent Assembly" which issued the constitution. The reactionary and colonialist authorities did not recognise it and throw it against the wall. They even launched reactionary laws and decrees contravening with its constitution and does not give any attention to the problems of the masses and encourages the citizens to leave Bahrain under the pretext of unemployment, soaring up prices and low wages.

The reactionary authority is conducting the elections and registering for it under repressive laws and continued chasing of the progressive national forces. It also launches laws preventing gatherings and demonstrations under extensive campaigns of arrests within the circles of the masses of the people and honest national elements and campaigns for tightening the rope and chaining freedom and views. After one of the meetings (internal seminar held by the cultural committee of the National Union of Bahraini Students which aims at linking the union with the masses and at popularising the union as a mass corporation) the authorities arrested the secretary of Sitra Club and the Assistant Secretary and the librarian of the club, to interrogate them on these meetings and warned them not to repeat contact with the National Union of Bahraini Students and not to hold such meetings in future. Interrogations are still going on with them. They are daily taken to the Special Branch headquarters.

The intelligence machinery, disguised under the name of "Public Security" issued a decree prohibiting any meeting, seminar or gathering except with the permission of the "Public Security" Machinery. It will be within the powers of this machinery to break up any gathering when it wanted to do so. On the other hand, the reactionary and colonialist authorities are continuing their savage operations along with their repressive tools under the command of Henderson, against the nationalist detainees in the prisons of Bahrain. When the detainee reaches the point of exhaustion and faints as a result of the torture, those terroristic tools give him activating tablets to make the detainee regain his livelihood so that Henderson and his executionists continue their criminal torture. As a result of these barbaric acts against the detainees national poet Qassen Haddad was removed to hospital following the development of a fracture in his skull. At Qala'a prison the authorities exercise filthiest and more savage methods against the detainees where their eyes are blinded and were thrown in dirty muds for two successive days in a bid to obtain confessions from the citizens. Recently citizens Ali Duweigher and Ibrahim al-Balushi were deported when the intelligence knew that they will nominate themselves for the forthcoming elections.

It is to be recalled that citizen Ali Duweigher spent a long period in the prison of Bahrain. He was a firm and fierce militant fighting the British intelligence and inspite of his long imprisonment no sentence was passed against him by the Bahraini courts. His imprisonment came in accordance with a decision by Henderson and the British intelligence officers. On the other hand the colonialist authorities are trying to form teams for the mercenaries inside the Bahrain defence force. In fact operations started to select the elements for these teams, most of whom will be Pakistanis and Saudis.

The decision to establish these teams comes as a retaliatory action by the authority of Henderson and the British officers to the incident in which clandestine statements and leaflets were discovered at the command headquarters of the Bahrain Defence force in the light of which the British intelligence machinery carried out an extensive search campaign in the command headquarters and interrogated members of the force to know the elements responsible for printing and distributing these leaflets and statements. But they were unable to achieve this. This made it declare the state of emergency, in the command headquarters of the force and prevented departure and any other moves in it after ten at night.

MESSAGE OF GREETINGS TO LEADER MAO TSE-TUNG

The friendly Chinese people celebrated the 24th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese revolution under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and the establishment of the People's Republic of China after a struggle waged by this people under the leadership of their combative vanguard the Communist Party.

On this occasion, the Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf, sent a message of greetings to President Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, reading as follows:-

"President Mao Tse-tung, the People's Republic of China, Peking. The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf greets you and the Chinese Communist Party and the people of China on the 24th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese revolution and the establishment of the People's Republic of China which came to crown a long and strenuous struggle waged by the Chinese people under the leadership of their Communist Party guided by your ideas. The poor and militant peoples found in the Chinese revolution an endless inspiration and a living example for the ability of the backward poor peoples to wrest their independence from the superior colonialist through the long-term popular war.

"Our people found in the People's Republic of China a supporter and backing element for their struggle for genuine independence and reunification of the homeland. Long live the revolution of China a torch for all revolutionaries. Long live the struggle of our people in Oman and the Arabian Gulf. Long live the unbreakable bonds between the revolutionaries."

The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf also sent a message of greetings to President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea on the occasion of the Independence Day of Guinea. The message says:-

"The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf is pleased to greet you and greet the Guinean people on Independence Day which constitutes a strong incentive in our struggle for real independence."

THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN
GULF.

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

WHERE IS THE TRUTH IN CARRINGTON'S STATEMENTS?!

The statements made by the British Defence Secretary in Teheran on conditions in Oman and the Arabian Gulf came this time more clear than previous statements made by the British officials. The British always care, while talking on conditions in this area, to give their talk the general form and speak on this area as if they are the victim and not the culprit, helped in that by the political arrangements they have carried out all over the area. It is enough that they drop daily tons of bombs through their air force on Dhofar rural areas at a time in which they speak about the dangers surrounding this area and their believe in the necessity of the establishment of stability in it.

This time the British Defence Secretary spoke and pointed out that stability began to be established in this area due to the increase of the military power of the rulers of Iran and Saudi Arabia as a result of the conclusion of security treaties between Britain and Bahrain, Qatar and the State of Amirates. But the British official forgot or intended to forget the military role of his government in the Sultanate of Qaboos and the coordination between the parties of the forces of the colonialist camp in the area where a fighting front is formed in Oman in which the British, Iranians Saudis and Jordanians take part in a bid to deter the massive march which aims at clearing and liquidating the area.

If the British Defence Secretary believes that the increase of the military power of the Iranian and Saudi reactions is the proof for stability in the area, then we seek his pardon certainly, as in our imagination the question does not lie in the size of the military power in the hand of the reactionaries but lies in the extent of the wide contradiction between the imperialist plans and the objectives of the masses. Our proof for that is confirmed by the failure of the entire military power existing in the Sultanate and which was despatched by the British Defence Secretary to confront the escalating revolution in Oman and the losses his Ministry was compelled to admit the last of which was the shooting down of a British fighter plane and the death of its pilot over the liberated area.

The British, in their numerous statements, try to picture the conflict in the area as a conflict between the existing regimes and the masses apart from the role brilliantly undertaken by them in all parts of the area. The innocence of the British appears clear from their heavy military presence in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf particularly after the change carried out by the British in the Sultanate of Muscat and the coronation of their puppet Qaboos. Their innocence also appears clear from the appointment of a new British Defence Minister for the Sultanate in stead of its previous Minister Hugh Oldman and by establishing Henderson as Interior Minister of Bahrain and by tightening the British control on the forces of "the State of Amirates" as well as by the actual and extensive participation of the British Defence Ministry in the war now going on in the South of Oman -Dhofar.

The "Communist Danger" tune proved that it is the facade used by the British for showing them as peaceful and for using it as a certificate of their innocence over the grave events running in this area.

The masses, who are slain by the British air force and the pilots of Lord Carrington, and the hundreds of martyrs and political detainees are the historical verdict condemning Her Majesty's Government and its local puppets in the area.

The fact in which the British Empire was looting millions of barrels of area oil, started to change. Mass enlightenment and the growth of the armed revolutionary movement firmly standing in the face of the imperialist monopolies, which movement is headed by the People's Front, the oil confrontation between Iraq, Libya and the monopolistic companies and the steadfastness of the forces of liberation in the Gulf, Peninsula and Iraq in the face of imperialism and its puppets in Teheran and Riad, all these are new proofs of the nature of the future which awaits imperialism in the area and the weakness of the imperialist stanchions and its local reactions in deterring the growing and escalating national liberation movement in this area. The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf, together with all nationalists and democrats supported by the free Arab regimes and the socialist countries standing by its side is capable of foiling all the plans of Carrington and his puppets in the area and is capable also of establishing future conditions in favour of the new Arab forces which are capable of defeating colonialism and establishing Arab unity in the shadow of the society of freedom and socialism.

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