

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARAB GULF AFTER THEIR RECENT TALKS.

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At the invitation of the Executive Committee of PFLOAG, a NLF delegation led by Comrade Vo Dang Gieng of the Central Committee of the NLF paid a friendly visit to the liberated areas of Dhofar province from 16-26 September 1972. The delegation was warmly welcomed by the masses, the People's Liberation Army and the PFLOAG leadership in the liberated area.

Somewhere in the liberated area, discussions took place during which views on important common problems were exchanged. The NLF was represented by Vo Dang Gieng, Duc San Tam (member of the NLF Afro-Asian solidarity committee), Nguyen Dinh Kha (member of the editorial committee of the NLF weekly "South Vietnam Struggle"). PFLOAG was represented by Amir Ali (Central Committee), Talal Sa'ad and Ali al-Hay (members of PFLOAG leadership, Dhofar region), Husain Musa (information section of PFLOAG Aden office).

Discussions took place in a friendly atmosphere charged with revolutionary solidarity. The NLF delegation congratulated PFLOAG on its successes in the struggle against Anglo-American imperialism to achieve national independence, democracy and social progress. The delegation considered the liberation of the countryside of Dhofar an especially important achievement towards liberation of Oman and the Arab Gulf from imperialism and reactionary occupation, and an important milestone on the road to independence and national unity.

The NLF delegation strongly condemned the alliance between US imperialism and the reactionary governments which serve it in Oman and the Arab Gulf; it further condemned Iran, Saudi Arabia and Jordan for maintaining those governments and assisting them in repression and exploitation of the people, resisting the revolutionary movement in order to uphold existing divisions in Oman and the Arab Gulf, handing the region over to American militarism and neo-imperialism.

The delegation also condemned the so-called "regional alliance", which is in fact a US plot to get a number of reactionary governments together to further its interests, and to incite them to seize the land, massacre the people, and carry out its policy of stirring up internecine warfare. This is an integral part of the US strategy of aggression in this part of the world, together with the launching of provocative attacks against the People's Democratic Republic of South Yemen in an attempt to prevent its support for the national liberation movement and social progress in the Arabian peninsula.

The NLF delegation condemned British imperialism for its armed interference in the affairs of Oman, and for playing the leading role in the war of wholesale destruction against the Dhofar region, and for waging a campaign of repression and terrorism against the people of Oman.

The NLF delegation enthusiastically praised the efforts of PFLOAG in setting up a broad front comprising all progressive, nationalist organisations and individuals in Oman and the Arab Gulf, so as to resist the alliance between the imperialists and their reactionary agents, and to achieve national independence, democracy and social progress, thus actively participating in the struggle which is common to the Arab nation and the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, and all the peoples of the world.

The NLF delegation is confident that all peoples and governments which love peace and justice, will provide ever increasing effective support to the just struggle of the people of Oman and the Arab Gulf for true independence and national unity.

PFLOAG delegation attached great significance to the staunch militant struggle waged by the heroic people of South Vietnam. It also expressed its admiration for the victories realised by the people and armed

forces of South Vietnam, which have confounded one US aggressive war scheme after another. The delegation also praised the unprecedented achievements of the great offensives from April 72 till the present, which threaten the Nixon strategy with total collapse. PFLOAG delegation enthusiastically acknowledges the outstanding co-ordination of the people's struggle in the 3 countries Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos to defeat the Nixon doctrine in Indo-China and expressed its firm support for the just struggle of the people of those countries. PFLOAG delegation strongly condemns the Nixon government's barbaric policy of aggression and its very dangerous policy of escalating the war. It also condemns the inhuman methods used in the war of annihilation, and especially the US's resumption of the war of destruction against the DRV by means of air and naval forces, together with blockading of ports and bombing of dams and dykes in North Vietnam.

PFLOAG delegation resolutely demands that US imperialism cease its war of aggression against Vietnam; puts an end to its Vietnamisation policy, unconditionally withdraws all US forces from South Vietnam and ceases to support the client government of Thieu, leaving the Vietnamese people to resolve their internal problems themselves, without external interference. The US must unconditionally end all air and artillery attacks and all acts of war against the DRV.

The delegation supports the 7 point peace plan proposed by the PRG and the two points set out in its statements of 2.2.72 and 11.9.72. This is the real, logical and reasonable solution and an honourable way for the US to withdraw from its war in South Vietnam which has been excessively costly in lives and materials. The US Government must respond to these proposals. PFLOAG delegation strongly supports the Vietnamese people in their persistent struggles until the US ceases its hostilities and respects the fundamental national rights of the Vietnamese people.

The Delegates of PFLOAG and NLF resolutely support all national liberation struggles of the Arab nation and all the peoples of Asia Africa and Latin America. They also support the just struggle of the Palestinian and Arab people against the Israeli aggressors and their US masters, to regain their legal rights and their illegally occupied lands. The two parties strongly condemn the attacks of the Israeli aggressors against the Palestinian people, terrorist operations against Arabs and acts of aggression against Syria and Lebanon. The two parties demand an end to this reckless, aggressive policy. The two parties agree that the just struggles of the Arab people and the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America against imperialism and colonialism for national independence, democracy, peace and social progress are scoring more and more victories and their future is bright. The barbarous methods of repression, policies of terrorism and exploitation which imperialists, colonialists and other puppets employ to retain their hegemony, only prove their weakness, increase their isolation and make their ultimate downfall even more certain.

The just actions of the Vietnamese people and the people of Oman and the Arab Gulf will ultimately win victory. The two parties seek a development of mutual relations and agree to take steps to strengthen support and mutual consistency in the struggle against the common enemies, imperialism, colonialism and its agents led by American imperialism.

The visit of the NLF delegation marks a new high point in the development of relations between the people of Vietnam and the NLF on one side and the people of Oman and the Arab Gulf and PFLOAG on the other side.

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