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The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman received a message from the Tenth Congress of the Federation of Muslim Students Organisations in Europe. In this message, the tenth congress expresses its support for and solidarity with the just struggle which is being waged by our Omani people for the sake of liberation of their homeland from the influence of British colonialism and from Iranian invasion and the heredom and treason of the al-Busaid family's regime.

Iranian Grave Losses Embody The Reality of Defeat & Victory

20TH DEC: DAY OF INVASION, DAY OF AGGRESSION, DAY OF EXPANSION

One year ago, the Iranian armed forces landed in Oman

in coordination with the puppet Qaboosite regime. By that landing took place on the 20th of Dec, 1973, the Omani homeland was, thus, overburdened with another foreign military presence claiming the independence and national sovereignty of Oman and backing further the reactionary and imperialist domination of our country and the exploitation of our People's wealths and riches.

Jordanian forces, to mercenaries and to the puppet Qaboosite army. In the shade of our People's overwhelming triumph and on account of the enemy forces retaliation by intensifying hostile military offensives, the Central Executive Com-

mittee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman issued a momentous political statement on the passage of one year of the Iranian invasion.

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EDITORIAL

While estimating the passage of one year over the Iranian interference in our country, we see that the aims of the enemy have not been realised and that the revolution was not crushed or at least the revolutionary effectiveness and patriotism of our masses has not been weakened. But the opposite happened. We can say that the Iranian invasion had widened, increased and deepened the alertness and vigil of the masses towards the danger which surrounds them and aroused their national enthusiasm. Further the broader masses rallied around the revolution. If the sharpness and fierceness of the contradictions has realised final separation between the enemies, on one hand, and the masses, on the other, this does not prevent the enemies from escalating the power of their repressive machinery against the people and to increase their military equipment in the annihilation war.

This is what was done by the enemies to subjugate the masses and frighten them through terrorism, violence and repression. When they failed, the British should: "Qaboos tried to adorn the personality of one of this ancestors when he sought the help of the British against the revolution masses of the people." Today history repeats itself again although that took place in a mocked manner.

Now the Persians return to Oman for the fourth time since the sixteenth century and under similar circumstances with slight difference.

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Our Omani people, nevertheless, valiantly withstood the Iranian invading forces and turned them out to defeat — a lesson similar to that long instructed by our revolutionaries to British colonialist forces, to

ONE YEAR RECORD OF MILITARY VICTORIES

During one year of heroic confrontation made by the brave revolutionaries of our people against the greedy Iranian invaders, these revolutionaries recorded glittering and shining pages in the history of our great Omani people throwing shame, and not glory, on the puppet Shah and his traitor-

ous allies in Muscat. During the period 20th December, 1973 to 30th November, 1974, our revolutionaries launched the following military operations in the Red Line and al-Mammar against the Iranian invaders. (Excluded from these figures are other operations launched against the other non-Iranian forces and against other forces campaigns, in which Iranian take part).

14th Anniversary of SVN Liberation Front Greeted

On the 14th Anniversary of founding the SVN Front For National Liberation, the Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman sent a cable of congratulations to Comrade Ngyuen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of CC of National Liberation Front of South Vietnam, the text of which is hereunder published in full:

The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman, on behalf of the command and bases of the revolution of 9th June and the people of Oman, is pleased to greet you and the Central Committee of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and the brave Vietnamese people on the fourteenth anniversary of the foundation of the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam.

The record of the National Front during its triumphant

procession in the past fourteen years is full of victories and heroism. The National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam proved superior ability in leading the heroic struggle waged and still being waged by the Vietnamese people against American imperialism and its lackeys in Saigon.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman, the pioneer of the national struggle which is being waged by the people of Oman against British colonialism, the puppet regime in Muscat and the Iranian invaders, seizes this opportunity to convey to you and Vietnamese people its complete support for your patriotic and brave struggle and condemns the criminal acts carried out by American imperialism and the puppet regime in Saigon.

Long live the combative cohesion between the Omani revolution and the Vietnamese revolution.

Death for imperialism and its lackeys.

- 1) Our revolutionaries waged different military operations the total of which is estimated at 120 and with different weapons;
- 2) Eight operations were for planting mines and were successful in the Red Line.
- 3) An unassessed number of sniping operations.

During these operations, the losses of the invaders were as follows:

- 1) Death and injury of 230 Iranian soldiers excluding those casualties in operations in which the losses were not assessed.
- 2) Complete Destruction of 57 defensive positions.
- 3) Shooting Down of three helicopters.
- 4) Destruction of nine Bedford military vehicles loaded with soldiers and equipment and damage of two armoured cars.
- 5) Destruction of six wireless sets.
- 6) Destruction of thirteen anti-infantry guns and a heavy and medium machine-guns.
- 7) Destruction of a number

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Muscat Contradictions Become Something Customary & Usual

The So-called Omani Defence Ministry in Muscat issued on Thursday 12th December, 1974, a communique in which it confessed the death of nine of the Iranian soldiers in the battles at present raging between the forces of the People's Liberation Army and those soldiers stationed in the Western Region of the liberated Omani territories since the beginning of last November.

The communique said: "Our forces are continuing their military operations in their Southern Region of the Southern area in collaboration with the brotherly Iranian forces operating in the Sultanate."

Qais Azzawawi, Foreign Minister of the Sultanate, met on 10th October, 1974, the Arab and foreign Ambassadors accredited to Muscat and asked them to inform their governments about the withdrawal of the Iranian forces from the Omani territories. He alleged that the forces of his government have taken the place of the Iranian forces.

This new statement, which was quoted by news agencies the day before yesterday from Muscat, was at all not a surprise to us nor to our Omani masses and Arab nation. Such contradiction in Qaboosite statements and exercises of the officials in Muscat became something usual and customary. This proves the extent of trust and respect hidden by these officials for their relations with them.

This confession in our view comes to confirm several facts which in turn indicate to the evidences shown herunder:-

1) This confession expresses anew a shameless challenge by the rulers of Muscat for the wish of our Omani people and Arab nation. Behind this challenge lies the following indications:-

a) The puppets have received a new confirmation from the rulers of Teheran to increase their inclusive backing and support for them.

b) The rulers of Muscat have obtained an affirmation from the Arab reactionary rulers not only for overlooking the Iranian invasion but also to confront any bid for pressure undertaken by any State or Arab national forces against the hiring regime in Muscat.

2) This means that the puppet regime in Muscat had completely handed over the fate and destiny of the Omani people and homeland to the Persian invaders. This points out to the extent of danger which surrounds this people and homeland.

3) The Qaboos regime is pre-

pared to keep itself in this area in the place where puppet Abdulla was standing during the usurpation of Palestine and to hand over this territory to Persian invaders in return for preserving his throne.

In front of all this, we appeal to every patriot and nationalist who is keen about our homeland and every Arab eager for the safety of this nation to appreciate safety of this nation to realise the serious situation to which our homeland is liable and the consequences that will result from such situation which will threaten not only the area of the Arabian Gulf and Arabian Peninsula but also the rest of the grand Arab homeland.

The Arab nation - national regimes and peoples - are required to adopt serious steps for facing such dangers and the first of these steps are:-

1) expulsion of the puppet Qaboos regime from the Arab League.

2) To demand its expulsion from the United Nations and its sub-organisations;

3) To recruit all energies and potentialities by the side of the revolution of our people which is confronting the

invaders and their traitorous lackeys.

We appeal to all freedom-loving forces of the world to stand by the side of the struggle of our people and to back up our just cause.

Armed Resistance In Inner Oman Masked With Secrecy

At a time in which the puppet regime is continuing to launch the terroristic and repressive campaigns against our Omani masses, reports reaching us from Muscat speak about the occurrence of an armed attack on the enemy centre at al-Ghashb in the province of Rustaq on 4th November, 1974 during which fire was exchanged with the enemy soldiers. This resulted in heavy losses being sustained by the ranks of the mercenaries. The attacking group managed to withdraw safely.

This attack comes only four days after the martyrdom of

brave militant Ahmed Ali member of the Central Executive Committee, who clashed along with his comrades with the same post in this area.

The occurrence of such attack only confirms the failure of all enemy efforts and bids which aim at preventing the growth of the revolution in inner Oman. Complete secrecy surrounds all reports about the escalation of armed resistance in inner Oman so that the reports are not circulated within the ranks of the masses.

Abu Dhabi Might Do IT Once Again

Reports reaching Saut Al-Thawra from Abu Dhabi state that the puppet government in Muscat had submitted to the Government of the Federation of Omani coast Emirates an application for handing over some of the Omani citizens who were arrested recently in the Emirates.

However, it is not known upto now whether these authorities have acceded to the request or not. Yet, it is not excluded that this request is to win approval from the side of Abu Dhabi rulers, as these rulers have already done it before when they handed over last year 52 Omani citizens to the traitorous Muscat authorities which passed harsh

sentences against them ranging from death to imprisonment for different terms.

The handing over of these Omani citizens to the traitorous authorities in Muscat is regarded as a new crime to be committed by the authorities in this part of our homeland against the masses of our Omani people which is waging a just struggle for obtaining their legitimate national rights.

Therefore, all nationalist and progressive forces in the arena of the Arabian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula, in parti-

cular, and the Arab homeland, in general, have to confront these authorities and to force them not to make such criminal step.

We warn the Abu Dhabi authorities of the consequences of continuing this policy which began to become closer to the policies of the Muscat rulers.

Meanwhile, the masses of our Omani people in the coast have the ability to foil any measure to be made by the Abu Dhabi rulers in support of the traitorous and hiring regime in Muscat.

ARREST OF PATRIOTIC OFFICIALS

The traitorous reactionary authorities in Muscat arrested one of the Omani judges and directed to him the charge of helping the revolutionaries. This took place as part of the chain of arrests going on at present.

MILLIONS RIYALS ALLOTTED FOR INFORMATION EMBARGO

The puppet authorities in Muscat earmarked the sum of 1,200,000 Saudi riyals for the information campaign carried out by some of the hired Arab press for propaganda for the puppet Qaboos regime on the occasion of celebrations on the birthday of Qaboos

tensive arrest campaigns launched by the puppet authorities in Muscat which are supervised by experts in the Iranian Savak intelligence machinery

As regards foreign press, the share of the British Times newspaper was the sum of 100,000 sterling for publishing a four-page article in its issue of 19th November in which it praised the Qaboos regime.

One of the Arab diplomats in Muscat said that this information campaign had taken place in order to cover the ex-

This source said: about 250 workers in the Qaboos government departments have been interrogated or placed under arrest for suspecting them of having relations with the incident that took place at Rustaq recently. These included some Omani diplomats who were abroad. The figure quoted by the diplomat does not include the other detainees who are estimated to number upto now 800 citizens.

The authority is removing the detainees to al-Qurm centre as one of the stages of interrogation. From there these detainees are removed to the British intelligence centre at Loshall as a second stage. There the detainees face great torture. The detainees are removed chained with their hands tied behind their backs and their faces covered with jute bags.

The search campaigns and patrols are still continuing, particularly in and around the capital, Muscat, where incoming and outgoing cars are searched.

P.F.L.O. CEC STATEMENT:

IRAN PLANS AIM AT SAFEGUARDING IMPERIALIST INTERESTS IN THE ARENA

Today coincides with the passage of one complete year over the Iranian invasion of the liberated areas of South Oman which came in fulfilment of the Anglo - American - Iranian Qaboosite plan.

OMAN AND THE DIMENSIONS OF THE IRANIAN PLAN.

Oman enjoys an important strategic position in the whole of the Arabian Gulf and Arabian Peninsula which governs the most important international waterway linked by direct relations with oil. Beside this Oman is a rich land holding beneath it vast oil wealths and huge quantities of mineral wealths in addition to being a profitable trading spot for capitalist markets.

These important features of the area of Oman attracted extensively the forces of imperialism which were pushed by their desires and ambitions to have

the arena to realise many of the accomplishments and victories, the biggest of which were liberation of the biggest portion of the area of Dhofar and establishment of the revolution's state power over it as well as drawing up a new specimen for the life of the citizens in the light of the sovereignty of the people and their revolution over their land.

In front of the escalation of the revolution and greating of the massive movement all over arena, British imperialism was keen to find a new way out to ensure its control over the area and the continuation to loot and steal the plentifulness and wealths of the people, to extinguish the movement of the armed revolution in the area and to force it to submit to its plans. From here stemmed the Anglo-British agreement over the necessity to undertake some modifications in their policies towards the area by effecting changes in their previous regime

Jibal area, which is overlooking the Hormez Strait.

As part of the imperialist plan in the area, the puppet regime in Muscat is to exercise new policies, most important of which are represented in:

1) simple reforms policy, enticements, threats and bribes for cooling the angry Omani masses and absorbing their wrath or curbing it through subjugation and oppression spread up all over Oman.

2) the policy of extensive annihilation in the liberated areas through a long chain of military campaigns waged by the British forces and mercenary armies, which are still continuing upto this day.

3) the policy of terrorism, repression and extensive arrests within the ranks of the people in different towns, villages, mountains and nomadic areas of Oman.

The revolution realised this new and malicious policy and

annihilation committed by it in the liberated area and exercise of the policy of burning everything, killing everything and sinking the country in foreign forces and thousands of mercenaries from different world nationalities as well as a long chain of arrests within the ranks of the masses of our people throughout the entire homeland.

Even those crimes and conspiracies which are being implemented against our people were not sufficient for the imperialists and their traitorous puppets in Muscat. The puppet regime in Muscat revealed its real face which is hostile to the people and homeland by inviting Iranian forces for expanding in our Omani territories and took part in exercising different and various methods of death and annihilation against the wrathful masses of our people who are angry with it and with his colonialist masters and Iranian reactionaries.

One Year Elapsed Since Iranian Criminal Invasion

control over this area in order to exercise different crimes against its people to ensure the continuation of this control over the plentifulness and wealths of the area.

It is impossible for world imperialism to simply accept to see the people of the area enjoying their wealth and plentifulness as the law of capitalism which is based on looting, stealing and oppressing the peoples, pushes it towards committing the ugliest crimes against the rights of peoples in order to control and subjugate the peoples and their wealths and to place them under its plans.

In face of the escalation of the crimes of British and American imperialism against our Omani people, there was no option in front of our people other than to resist this ugly disease and to amputate it for good. From here came the revolution of 9th June, 1965 to express the ambitions and desire of our people for freedom independence and realisation of complete national sovereignty for the people over their land and wealths.

Our people managed through their armed revolution and the struggles of the masses all over

in Muscat and by creating a new regime topped by a puppet of a new type being more likely to be in harmony with the policy of the imperialists and more apt to hide the ugly face of the colonialists in order to enable them stay for a longer period in the area and to ensure the continuous flow of the wealths of this area to them. At the same time, this modification in the form of the Iranian imperialist plan by giving the green light to the Shah of Iran to hasten exercising his tasks and realising his expansionist ambitions at the expense of the Arab territories in Oman and the Arabian Gulf which simultaneously fulfil the following two basic aims:

1) To safeguard and protect the interests of imperialism in the area.

2) To realise the greeds of the Shah for expanding his Empire.

On 23rd July, 1970 there came to existence the new puppet regime in Muscat topped by Qaboos and on 29th November, 1971, Iran occupied the three Omani islands of Minor and Major Tomb and Abu Moussa. This was followed by the occupation of al-Ghanam island, the control of the Oman waterway and the expansion at Roos al-

made a lot of efforts to resist it and introduced caravans of martyrs. Moreover, the masses of the people in the liberated area stood by the side of the revolution and with all masses of the people all over the homeland in one piled-up front to resist this dangerous epidemic which aims at destroying the people and killing their wish and desire for freedom and independence. Events passed in a way proving the ability of the people to challenge and observe steadfastness in the face of all conspiracies committed against them. This emanated from their firm belief in their revolution and the justness of their cause.

The imperialists and reactionaries hate our people and bear malice for these masses who are resisting such presence imposed by the forces weapons. Meanwhile, the imperialists and reactionaries are making great efforts for torturing the members of the people in order to make them bow and allow the imperialists and reactionaries to enjoy their country's plentifulness and wealths. The traitorous regime in Muscat presented sufficient proofs for its hatred and malice towards the people through the extensive

THE IRANIAN MILITARY EXPANSION IN THE AREA:

In accordance with the agreement concluded by puppet Qaboos with the Shah of Iran in 1971, under which traitor Qaboos opened our Omani homeland for the Iranian greeds by allowing the Iranian forces to cross the Omani territories in the Southern part (Dhofar) equipped by weapons and modern military expertise. This was then followed by the Iranian invasion of the liberated areas of Dhofar on 20th December, 1973.

Since the presence of the Iranian forces in our country, the enemies are not sparing any effort to prove the depth of their great hatred for our people and their intention to occupy our territories and establish the Persian empire over the Omani Arab soil. Yet, Iranian and Qaboosite reactions tried through their imperialist masters to hide their military presence in the area in order to affect the passage of their plans and to execute their crimes without any Arab noise or reaction. Enemy calculations over the revolution and people were wrong, as this people, which
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Killing, Destroying, Arresting, Terrorizing, Looting, Etc.

resisted all invasion took place against their lands throughout their long history, are capable today of pushing away the new invasions and to clear their land from the invading evils and armies.

After a long period of bloody and fierce fighting, the reactionaries in Teheran and Muscat were compelled to confess the Iranian military presence in the area and their practical participation in the war raging against our people and homeland under weak and false slogans which are no more secret to our masses. The hiring authorities in Muscat gave themselves the hardship of searching for justifications for the Iranian interference and for coming out from this crisis which revealed the identity of the Muscat regime as hostile to the people and homeland by accusing the revolution of 'communism' and attributing the national conflict in the area as an international communist conspiracy launched by the communist countries and Democratic Yemen against the Islamic religion and against the Omani people and for obstructing the growth and progress of the Omani people. Moreover, the Muscat government justified its national treason of allowing the Iranians to invade Oman on the fact that the Arab countries refrained from helping it in confronting the world communist danger which pushed it towards asking help from 'sister Iran', according to the expression of Muscat, in order to resist such danger which threatens the Arab nation.

It became a mockery that the Omani people threatens the reaction and British imperialism which are deeply sunk in their plots against the Arab nation and thousands of mercenaries, are defenders of the Arab nation its religion and concepts. The face of history has changed entirely in the view of the puppets in Muscat where the puppet regime in Muscat issued new laws governing the world.

WHAT IS AFTER THE

IRANIAN INVASION

It is very logical that the Iranian invasion became an incentive for rousing the national feelings of every Omani keen about his homeland which he must see independent and enjoying full sovereignty.

This is what has been confirmed by the events witnessed by the area since the Iranian invasion of our country during which our people with bravens showed complete preparedness to introduce sacrifices in order

to safeguard their freedom and to push away the invaders. The heroisms, outlined by the People's Liberation Army, the People's Militia, the masses of the liberated areas and all masses of the people throughout the Omani homeland, are certain proofs for all reactionaries and their imperialist masters that our people reject completely to bow for the invaders and to leave their land to be looted and destroyed by them.

The Iranian invasion of Oman does not threaten Oman alone; but also threatens the Arab nation entirely and in particular the area of the Arabian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula. This invasion cannot but rouse the national feelings of the masses of our Arab nation, put them on the alert and to keep them vigil towards the plans of the imperialists and reactionaries and to stand by the side of the Omani people in their serious conflict against the Iranian invaders.

The Iranian invasion of Oman had revealed the identity of traitorous Qaboos to those who were misguided by the falsehood and propaganda of the puppet regime in Muscat. It is not strange to see the sharpness of contradictions which appeared inside the ranks of the regime to an extent that they are impossible to be settled without exercising force and terrorism. This was confirmed by the recent Rustaq events in Inner Oman in which a group of militants from the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman clashed in a fierce military battle with the enemies. Under the influence of the fears created by these events, the puppet regime in Muscat started to arrest hundreds of members of the Omani people from all classes and groups and from different official machineries and corporations of the enemy and exercised against the political detainees various types of torture at the hands of the Jordanian criminals, who followed different ways in torturing the Palestinian and Jordanian people. Thus, a state of terrorism and extensive repression was imposed all over the province of Oman.

The Omani people manged through their struggle and sacrifices to prove to the enemies the extent of their love for their homeland and the extent of their preparedness to introduce further martyrs for the liberation of their homeland from the British occupantists and Iranian invaders. Our people

manged to effect the fall of all veils behind which the enemies tried to hide.

Under the pressure of the people and their heroic steadfastness and under the pressure of the masses of the Arab nation, the traitorous regime in Muscat ought to search for a new way out from this isolation which is imposed on it. Hence, the Foreign Minister of Muscat, the famous merchant, Qais Azzawawi called the Ambassadors, newspapers and Arab and foreign news agencies on 10th October, 1974, to announce to them officially the withdrawal of the Iranian forces from the area of Dhofar after completing their assignment as were replaced by the Omani forces. Azzawawi did not forget to extend gratitude to the Iranian forces for the crimes committed by them against thousands of members of the Omani people.

Moreover, His Majesty Traitorous Sultan Qaboos did not like the omission by his special adviser who wrote the speech of the puppet Sultan at the celebrations marking the fourth anniversary to express gratitude to the Iranian forces for the backing and support extended by them to the Muscat regime in slaughtering the Omani people and violating the freedom of the homeland and its sovereignty. His Majesty rather added a paragraph in which he thanked the 'sister' government of the Shah, according to puppet Qaboos, for backing him against what he called the communist conspiracy.

Since the release of false statements by the puppets of Muscat, which statements are meant to deceive our Omani masses and our Arab nation, the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman stressed the falsehood of these statements and confirmed the presence of the Iranian forces besides the mobilisation of further forces in the area earlier before staging a new military campaign against the liberated areas and the Western Region, in particular.

No sooner the statement of the puppets in Muscat reached the ears of the local, Arab and world public opinions, Muscat comes again to surprise the world at the beginning of December with an official statement from the Ministry of Defence in Muscat announcing the presence of the Iranian forces and their stay in the area and participation in an extensive attack launched by it along with the government forces against what they called the communists in the Western areas of South Oman. It even announced the

death of nine Iranian soldiers.

and the missing of another soldier. Why all this mockery for the national feelings and why all this distortions and misguidance against the Omani and Arab masses. All this only demonstrate one firm fact, which is the preparedness of the puppet regime in Muscat to introduce further treasons for the Iranian greeds against the Omani people and homeland.

This open challenge for all national feelings proves clearly and to all those who did not identify the truth and to all those who are trying to neglect that the puppet regime in Muscat has announced its full link with the Iranian expansionist plan. This regime is pulling our country and people towards further setbacks and further occupation of its territories and violation of freedom and sovereignty. They also prove the seriousness of the Iranian reactionary greeds and their firm will to establish expansionist empire at the expense of the Arab territories in Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

Every Omani is keen about his homeland, arabisim of his country and its independence is today asked to hasten for saving the homeland and people and for piling up their ranks in one firm front for protecting the homeland against the danger of the Iranian invaders, who are exercising these crimes openly with support and backing from the British and American imperialists and their puppets in Muscat topped by puppet Qaboos who adorns treason against the homeland and people.

We also appeal to the masses of the Arab nation and its organisations and regimes, which are keen about the independence of Oman and its protection against the dangers of Iranian reaction, to hasten towards standing by the side of the Omani people in the hard and bitter crisis which is being faced by them at the hands of criminal enemies who adopt every day new methods of repression and annihilation against our people. We appeal to all freedom and peace-loving forces to condemn such Iranian interference in our country and to suspend the big massacres which are being conducted against our Omani people and to condemn and deplore the traitorous policy of the puppet regime in Muscat.

Finally, we wish to remind the Arab League and its states that Oman is witnessing a new con-

Omani Peace Council Shares In All Activities of World Peace Council

A delegation from the Omani Peace Council took part in the meetings of the National Peace Committees held in Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia during the period 7th to 9th December, 1974.

The delegation submitted a memorandum to the conference connected with developments of the situation in Oman and the Arabian Gulf area and the dangers which threaten our people and the peoples of this area as a result of the increase of the Iranian military presence and the escalation of the aggressive acts carried out by the Iranian and British forces against the masses of our people and the repeated military provocations carried out by the CENTO Pact forces, headed by American imperialism, and threatening the peace and security of this area as well as the escalation of the repressive and terroristic operations undertaken by the Iranian and British intelligence machineries against the Omani masses.

It is also worth mentioning that the Omani peace council since its establishment, before over one year, has taken part in all conferences organised by the World Peace Council the last of which was the New Delhi conference which was held during the period 14th to 17th November, 1974 under the title (To convert the Indian Ocean into an area of Peace). The delegation of the Omani Peace Council carried out remarkable activity which resulted in the conference coming out with a number of important resolutions pertaining to the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. The conference issued the following resolutions:-

"The Indian Ocean is not strategically affecting the fates of countries lying on its sides, only, but also the fates of peoples in Asia, Africa and Australia. The Middle East, in particular the Arabian Gulf, is being affected to a great extent by the developments taking place in the Indian Ocean, as the wiping out of military bases and ensuring permanent peace in the Indian Ocean is unattainable without ensuring the elimination of military bases and restoration of permanent peace in the seas connected with this ocean, e.g. the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and the Red Sea.

The Arabian Gulf gains specific importance in view of the strategy of American imperialism due to the following reasons.

a) it contains more than sixty percent of the world oil reserves.

b) it composes a strategic route for the oil preparations and world trade,

c) it enjoys a strategic position because it lies in the junction between the Far East, Middle East and Europe.

In a bid to take advantage of these factors, American imperialism is expanding its military projects and tightening its grip over this area.

Imperialism is building military bases and is expanding and reinforcing them in Bahrain, Dhahran, Abou Moussa and Masirah.

It is heavily arming the reactionary regime in the area, in particular in Iran and Saudi Arabia. It is depending upon the reactionary regimes and forces in the area to facilitate imposition of the imperialist forms

namely in the military provocations and encroachments across the eastern borders of Iraq with the aim of shaking the stability of its progressive regime, in the military interference in Oman for repressing the popular revolution and in its continuous threats against Democratic Yemen.

At the same time, imperialism is also arming heavily Israel upon whom it depends for continuing its aggressive expansionist plans in this part of the Arab world.

The conference, at a time in which it deplors such activity, is also supporting strongly the national liberation movement in the Arabian Gulf area and asks all peace-loving forces to share in a world solidarity campaign with Democratic Yemen and the Omani liberation struggle and the Arabian Gulf struggle as a whole for liquidating the military presence.

This struggle is part of the general struggle waged by the countries lying on the basin of the Indian Ocean for liquidating the imperialist military presence and for converting the Indian Ocean into an area of peace.

The conference supported the struggle of the Arab people for the liberation of their territories occupied by Israel and the restoration of the Palestinians, legitimate rights in particular to determine their future on their homeland.

The conference also supported the legitimate rights of the Arabian Gulf people for complete sovereignty over their wealths and in particular oil and their placement under the service of the people.

The participants also supported the conference in solidarity with the people of Yemen, Oman and the Arabian Gulf which will be held in Aden in January 1974 and asked all peace-loving forces to ensure its success.

Shah's Regime Must Be Expelled From Human Rights Commission

Saut al-Thawra received a message from the Free spirituals - the Iranian 15 Khrudad Group - saying: "We declare our full protection and defense for the continuous struggle exercised by our brave militant brothers and resent the political and military Iranian interference

and despatch by the traitorous Shah of troops and arms to Oman. We also declare that the Iranian people, who stand against their harsh and colonialist government and the fascist regime of the Shah, were and still defending the free militants and are always in a state of war

with imperialism and zionism.

The spirituals sent with their message a copy of the appeal addressed to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations on the occasion of the passage of ten years on the expulsion of the Khamni Imam from Iran by the puppet Shah's regime.

Alarm of Massive Uproar

The Dubai authorities issued an order calling for the closure of the premises of "al-Mugtama" newspaper and its ban. This newspaper is being published in Dubai by a group of Omani national youth.

This was not the first time in which the Dubai authorities close and ban this newspaper. Last year, the authorities issued an order banning the newspaper and asked the editorial staff to submit an apology to the Iranian authorities for the national attitude taken by the newspaper towards the Iranian greeds in our country and the invasion launched by the Iranian forces against one part of the Omani homeland.

However, during the past period an experiment took place in Dubai to test the ability and effectiveness of the police machinery in repressing the masses. This occurred when

about 200 policemen resembled the group confronting a and repressing this demonstration. The result came to the pleasure of the Dubai rulers who became assured of the ability of the police in repressing and redressing any massive movement or uproar taking place against them.

It appears that the Dubai rulers have been reigned by feelings that their policies which are hostile to the ambitions of our people and their national rights started to stir indignation and resentment within the circles of the masses to an extent that they started to fear the occurrence of an uprising by the masses against them, and against all those who are trying to trade with the national cause of our people and to keep quiet over the Iranian greeds in our country and the dangers resulting thereof.

The appeal dealt with the terroristic and repressive acts and serious violations carried out by the Shah's regime against the Iranian people. The appeal asked the Human Rights Commission to fulfil the following demands:-

1) Expulsion of the Shah's regime from the membership of the Human Rights Commission because of openly violating the Human rights in Iran and all international rules and laws.

2) To move seriously and immediately for ending the illegal deportation and expulsion of the great Islamic leader Imam al-Khamni and to ask for his return.

3) To press upon the Shah's regime to cut the hands of the Savak which is stretched on the life, properties and movements of the Iranian people.

Our People Fear Not Armies Or Aircraft of Invaders

Fierce battles are these days raging in the liberated Western Region between the forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia and the Iranian invading forces and mercenaries of the Qaboos regime which is backed by the aircraft of the British Royal Air Force. These battles started last Monday when our forces confronted the enemy forces which advanced from their centres in the north of the Western region to some important points.

Reports from the forces of the People's Liberation Army state that these moves by the enemy forces were regarded as preparatory operations for a new military campaign on the Western Region, which campaign was supposed to take place two months ago, but was postponed when it was revealed and the People's Front mobilised the Arab and world public opinion against it.

The timing of these military moves by the Iranian invading forces and the British-Qaboos forces came in harmony and in coordination with the wide-scale repressive and terroristic campaigns launched by the intelligence machineries of the puppet regime in Muscat which are studied with the elements from the Iranian "Savak". These campaigns resulted up to now in the arrest of 800 from different sections of the Omani people. They cannot also be isolated from the chain of military manoeuvres by the forces of American imperialism and Iranian reaction, the manoeuvres by the forces of the imperialist-reactionary CENTO pact and finally, but not last, the display of power staged by the American naval pieces in the waters of our Arabian Gulf.

Such displays and muscle-show and practical enactment of the annihilation war and repressive operations exercised against our people are all rings in a continuous chain of an imperialist-reactionary plan aiming, according to an expression of one of the Arab leaders, at "cooling down the hot fronts" in the Arab homeland, which started in Palestine and ended in Oman or vice-versa so that it becomes easy to implement what was drawn up by American imperialism for this area.

Our people, while standing in the forefront to confront these forces and their plans, are doing this not only to defend themselves and their homeland, but also for shouldering the task

of defending this part of our Arab homeland which is being threatened anew by Israel in the guise of an Islamic dress.

Therefore, the forces of liberation and progress and the forces who are keen about this nation, are now required to stand behind this people as a

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We return again to confirm what we have confirmed before. The Iranian invasion, with the failure which accompanied it, intensifies the despatch of more forces after its role became known to the world and after its involvement in the war also increased.

Victories Record (Cont'd)

of watch posts and burning of enemy tents and its command centres in some places.

As to the losses of the campaign which the Iranian forces started to implement since the 2nd of December in this year in the Western Region of the liberated zone, when the forces of the People's Liberation Army launched during the period 2-9 12 74 fourteen operations against the positions of the invaders, were as follows:-

- 1) Death and injury of 97 enemy members. (The invaders confessed the death of nine and the missing of one soldier).
- 2) Destruction of thirty nine defensive positions.
- 3) Shooting Down of a helicopter.
- 4) Capture of seventeen bodies and nine FN rifles.
- 5) Capture of three medium wireless sets and a fourth big American wireless set.
- 6) Capture of a machine-gun and huge quantities of provisions.
- 7) Destruction of an 81-mm gun, a Swedish Bazooka and three machine-guns of different sizes.

According to Iranian confession they claimed that in the first days of the battles they lost only 150 soldiers between killed and wounded.

Some of the injured Iranian soldiers, who are returning to Teheran, announced that the losses of the enemy forces in Dhofar were very huge and are estimated during the first three months of the invasion at about 600 soldiers between killed and wounded. The Iranian soldiers said "the revolutionaries were very tough and do not have mercy with their enemies and when they attack they appear for us at surprise and then disappear at the same speed with which they appear leaving us behind with defeat."

support fort. This is the least to be asked by our people.

Finally, the enemies of our people have to realise that this front will remain 'hot' until our people realise their objectives in full and the danger of Israel coming from the east is eradicated. This part of our Arab

homeland desires to enjoy peace and security which is cherished by our masses and not peace and security wanted by the imperialists and reactionaries. No doubt the forces of liberation and just peace in the world will stand by the side of our people in their struggle.

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In spite of the adverse reactions against the invasion from the local and world public opinion, yet, the puppet regime in Muscat challenged all this and announced to the open and without shame that it brought further Iranian forces to end the revolution.

The situation in our country is very serious and this threatens the other Arab countries. So where are the national and patriotic stands of these regimes. Where is their Arabism if they did not take any positive stand to consolidate our struggle and work to confront and check off the invasion in order to safeguard the Arabism of this area and check off the danger before it spreads to other parts. They are also required to adopt an attitude towards the traitorous regime in Muscat, to condemn it and expel it from the Arab League.

Today there is no justification

at all for any Arab regime which is keeping silent or observing truce under whatever circumstances or reasons, as serious stands are required from all Arab regimes and Arab national and progressive forces, because our people live in a very critical situation ever known in its history, and because silence and truce under such circumstances will be as an atrocious crime which cannot be erased by history.

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spiry which is not less dangerous than the conspiracy committed against the Palestinian people. If the Arab League is still dumping its head in the sand, then the traitorous regime in Muscat did not spare any justification for ignoring the greeds of the Iranian invaders and expansion of their empire by all ways and means, including the armed methods at the expense of the Omani territories.

Immediate Release of Militant Comrade Saud Marzooqi Demanded

The Lebanese intellectuals and artists asked puppet Qaboos to release immediately militant Comrade S a u d al-Marzooqi, member of the Central Command of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman who fell in captivity after sustaining injuries in the recent Rustaq

incident and who was sentenced by the criminal Muscat authorities to death in absentia in 1972. The Lebanese jurists sent two messages to Mr. Wajdi al-Mallat President of the Arab Organisation For Human Rights and to puppet Qaboos for the immediate release of militant Comrade Saud al-Marzooqi.

STATEMENTS DISCLOSING QABOOSITE ALLEGATIONS & CONTRADICTIONS

"All of us know that the presence of the Iranian forces in Oman came as a result of the cooperation between Oman and Iran.

— Qaboos 25th July, 1974.

"I wish to confirm that the Omani forces are at this moment holding the positions which were held by the Iranian forces which are now returning back home."

— Qais Azzawawi, Foreign Minister of Muscat to the Arab and foreign Ambassadors accredited to his Government.

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"I have nothing now but to extend greetings to the Omani army which is now controlling all its territories under the command of its militant leader Qaboos bin Said."

— Egyptian Ambassador in Muscat Hasson Salem in reply to Azzawawi - 10-10-74.

"Our forces are continuing their military operations in the Western Region of the Southern Region in collaboration with the (sister) Iranian forces operating in the Sultanate."

— Communique by the Def Department in Mpscat and quoted by the news agencies, 12 - 12 - 1974.