

A JOINT STATEMENT BY THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE OCCUPIED
ARABIAN GULF AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE OMAN
AND THE ARABIAN GULF :

Whenever there is a rise in the tide of the revolution and of the movement of its struggling masses against imperialism, there is a rise in imperialist savagery and in its repressive measures against all the people and all the patriotic forces. In this way imperialism hopes to destroy the revolution and its forces.

The mass arrests carried out, lately, by the British repression forces increased to such an extent that they included Bahrain, Kuwait, Dubai and Ra'as Al-Khaima. These arrests came as a climax to the wide arrests carried out by the C.I.A. in the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia) which included thousands of citizens. This well-knit imperialist scheme reveals the complete control that the imperialist intelligence agencies have over the repressive forces in the area and the complete dependence of the puppet regimes on these forces. It also confirms the co-ordination existing between the U.S., British and the local intelligence agencies.

The arrests in Dubai began after the puppet authorities there received an order from the center of imperialist intelligence in Bahrain to arrest Abuaidli Yousef, a Bahraini citizen, who after one month's imprisonment was transferred to Bahrain for "questioning". And in Ra'as al-Khaimah, the British army intelligence arrested four citizens and transported them to the British base where they were questioned under savage methods of torture by the British officers at the base. This led to the death of one of them, a sixteen year old youth, after three days of torture.

In Muscat, the puppet regime under the leadership of the number one British agent (Tariq) began fulfilling its promises to the masses by carrying out mass arrests of tens of citizens accusing them of patriotism and of sympathy with the revolution inside Oman. One of those arrested was a Kuwaiti revolutionary (Ahmed al-Rabi) who was finally handed over to the Kuwaiti government after strong pressure from the National Union of Kuwait Students and the patriotic public opinion.....As soon as the armed revolution inside Oman began on June 12th (1970) the puppet authorities of Kuwait arrested more than twenty Omani citizens on the charge of supporting the revolution. These arrests are part of the annihilation campaign conducted by the repressive British forces in the Emirates of the Arabian Gulf and Oman aiming at the liquidation of the progressive and patriotic forces.

In Bahrain, which has a long experience of constant arrests, terror and imprisonment, the British authorities carried out mass arrests ~~which~~ which included students and members of the National Guard. It was this National Guard which the imperialists wanted to turn into the servants of the idle tribal class and a guard to protect imperialist interests and concessions in the country, using all its means to dampen the spirit of patriotism and progress among its members. The number of these arrested reached sixty soldiers and commissioned officers. The British intelligence systems in the Qala'a questioned them under the most barbaric torture ignoring the basic human rights. The commissioned officer Yousef Ahmed, Khalifah al-Burdi, Hassan Bidewi and Muhammed Bukhait were all sentenced to five years imprisonment and commissioned officer Ibrahim Said was sentenced to seven years imprisonment. The rest of the soldiers and officers were given sentences of one to five years and transferred to Jeddah prison which is reserved for murders and criminals. The charge against these citizens was plotting to overthrow the regime in Bahrain and replacing it by a patriotic regime. The students were charged with the traditional charge of participating in forbidden political activities and inciting the people against imperialism. This organized campaign of arrests which included the whole of the Arabian Gulf and Oman reveals clearly the subservience of the puppet regimes of Kuwait to the repressive British forces. At the same time, it reveals the false nature of the claims to democracy which the puppet regime uses in order to liquidate the patriotic movement in the whole area. It reveals the savagery of the methods used by imperialism when confronted by a growing national liberation movement which aims at the destruction of all imperialist presence and interests. Finally, it reveals the truth about the bombastic claims of Qabus and Tariq (The British agents ruling Muscat and Oman) after the recent British coup was staged there.

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We call upon all the forces of liberation, peace and freedom to raise their voice in protest against the savage methods used by the British Tory government under the cover of these puppet regimes and under the slogans of peace and stability. We also call upon all the progressive and patriotic forces and organisations to defend those imprisoned and subjected to the most barbarous methods of torture and who are denied their basic human rights.

Our people who have made untold sacrifices in Dhofar, Jebel al-Akhdar and Bahrain will not be frightened by these annihilation campaigns conducted by British intelligence. The armed people's revolution which started in order to sweep away all British presence and puppets is determined to continue the armed struggle until total liberation.

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