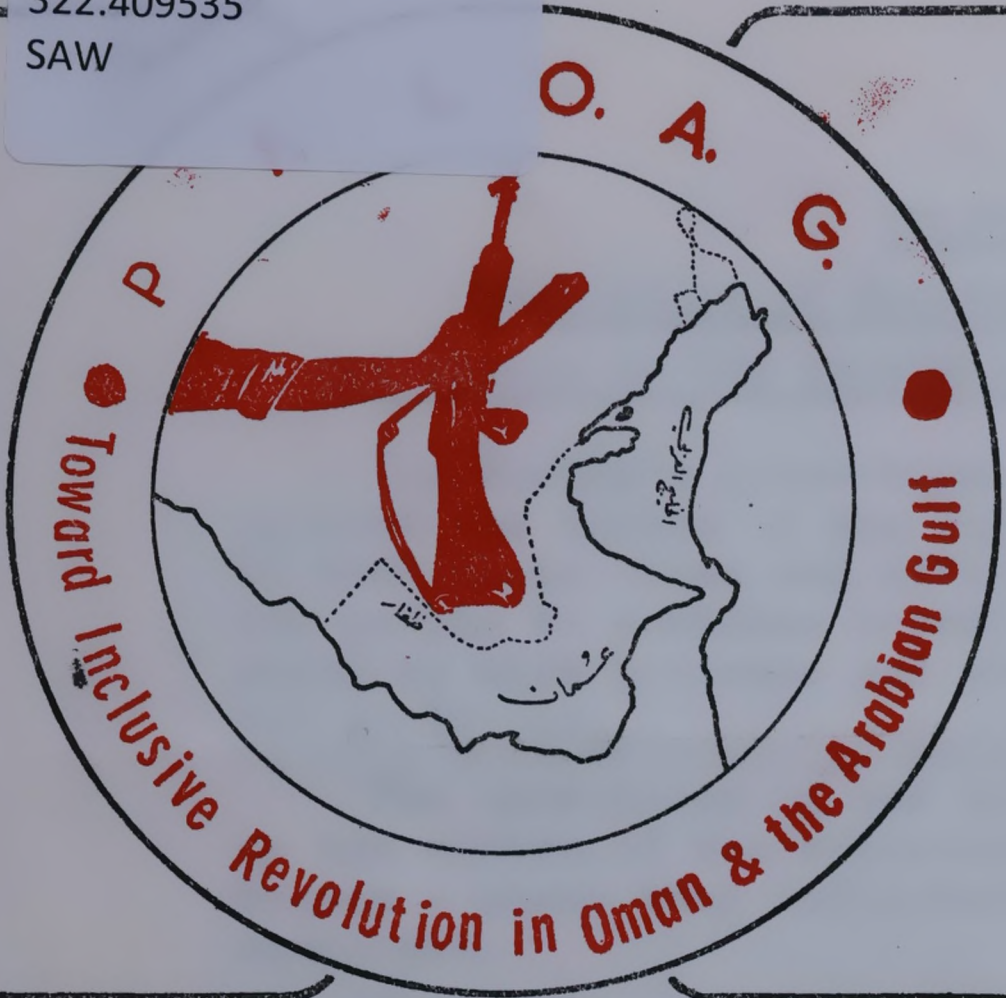


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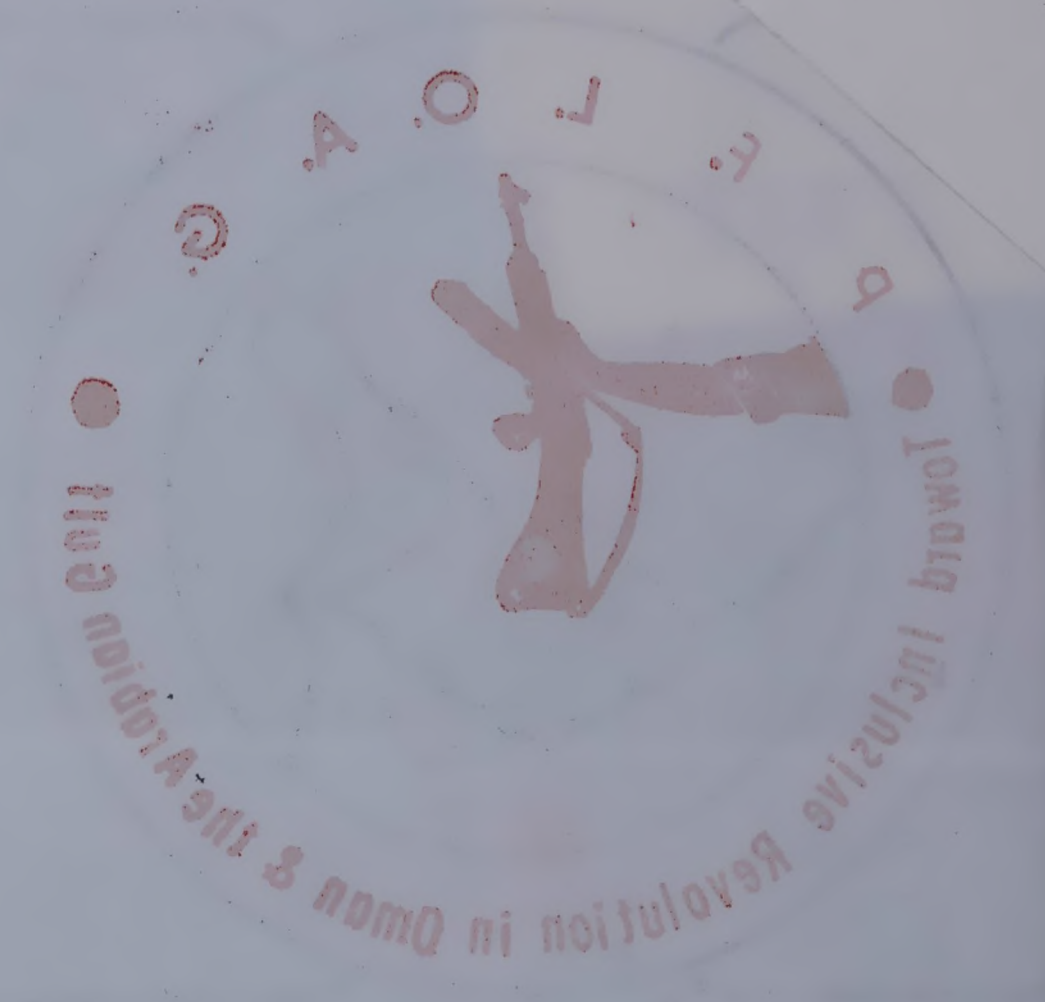
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MILITARY REPORT

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THE FORCES OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY, DHOFAR REGION

The People's Liberation Army continued its offensive operations against the forces of the colonialist and reaction enemy extending to them their blows and affirming the determination of the masses of our people to continue marching on the path of the hard and strenuous struggle with patience and steadfastness to realise their objectives and ambitions.

The operations of our patriotic revolutionaries were concentrated on the centre of the colonialist enemy in North Sarfeet - the Western Region - where they inflicted heavy losses on the enemy members and equipment.

During the period lying between 26th July and 1st August, our brave revolutionaries launched five operations ranging between shelling and attack with different weapons as well as sniping.

On 27th July, at 3.00 in the afternoon a group of snipers carried out a sniping operation which resulted in the sniping of two enemy members. On 27th July, 1973 at 2.45 in the afternoon the forces of the People's Liberation Army carried out an artillery operation against the enemy centre at North Sarfeet. The shelling continue for 25 minutes during which four enemy defensive positions were completely destroyed. As to his casualties these were not assessed.

On 27th July also the sniping group of the People's Liberation Army launched a sniping operation which resulted in the sniping of one enemy member.

On 28th July at 3.30 in the evening our forces operating in North Sarfeet carried out an attack on the enemy centres at North Sarfeet using light and medium weapons reinforced by mortars. The attack continued for half an hour resulting in the infliction of heavy losses in life and equipment on the enemy and Landrovers were seen evacuating enemy casualties from his defensive positions. From there helicopter was seen removing two casualties from the enemy members.

Following this the enemy combed the area with artillery in a desperate bid to reply to our revolutionaries proving the power of the blows directed to him.

On 1st August at 9.30 in the morning, the sniping group carried out a sniping operation against the enemy members. This resulted in the death and injury of two enemy members.

Total losses of the enemy during these operations were:-

- 1) Death and Injury of seven enemy members
- 2) Destruction of seven positions completely

From our side there were no casualties.

CONVENTION OF MEETING OF SOLIDARITY WITH STRUGGLE  
OF PEOPLE OF ARABIAN PENINSULA AND GULF

Hundreds of male and female youths from Arab countries and world countries taking part in the Tenth World Youth and Students Festival in Berlin, attended the meeting which was devoted for solidarity with the struggle of the Arab people in the south of the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf.

The comrade leader of the delegation of youth and students from Oman and the Arabian Gulf delivered a speech in which he said that the forces of imperialism are paying great attention to the Gulf area, because it is rich with natural wealths. American and British colonialism and imperialism in particular strengthen their presence in the Arabian Gulf area. He added: "The victorious struggle of the people of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen who achieved complete independence and started the democratic change of the country, is an example for our people and we realised that the only path for us is the armed liberation struggle."

Comrade Salem Omer Bukair, Secretary General of the Union of Democratic Yemeni Youth, affirmed in a speech delivered on this occasion, that the achievement of political independence is only the first step towards achieving complete national freedom and afterwards we must realise economic independence and eradicate the rest of imperialism.

The meeting was opened with a speech by the representative of the Preparatory Committee in which he said that "the struggle of the peoples in the South of the Arabian Peninsula is part of the Arab liberation movement which managed to achieve important successes in the struggle which is being waged for several years."

VISITS AND STATEMENTS BY PUPPETS

Puppet Fahd bin Tainour, Deputy of the so-called Sultanate of Oman, paid a visit to Abu Dhabi where he met puppet Zaid and held talks with him, which were not revealed.

Moreover Fahd bin Mohammad al-Busaid, Foreign Minister of Qaboos, paid a visit to Morocco during which he held talks with the officials in the Moroccan regime which were described by puppet Fahd as very fruitful.

During this visit Fahd met the executionist of Morocco, Hassan II.

However, the Foreign Minister of Bahrain puppet Mohammad bin Mubarak ended the visits he made to Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Puppet Mubarak announced that his country is at present studying the question of (mutual cooperation).

The Shah of Iran announced in Washington that he supports contacts currently taking place between the countries of the Gulf area and backs them. He also supported the establishment of a defensive pact between these countries in a way ensuring the (security and stability) of the area.

ARREST OF NUMBER OF CITIZENS IN BAHRAIN

During the week before the last the Government of Bahrain appointed its representatives in the fictitious Council of Deputies, for which elections will be held on 7th December this year. The Government of Bahrain endorsed its operation (its democratic era) with the launching of a new campaign of arrests within the circles of the citizens. This campaign covered nationalist elements and those suspected by these authorities. Recently the following citizens were arrested:-

- 1) Mohammad Mustafa al-Morbati
- 2) Nabeel Abdullatif Assahaf
- 3) AbdelAziz Abdel Rasool
- 4) Mohammad Ramadhan

However, the puppet Qatar authorities arrested Qatari citizen Ali bin Ghaith al-Kawari and handed him over to the Bahraini authorities.

BAHRAIN CONTINUES ENDEAVOURS TO SECURE WEAPONS

Bahrain is endeavouring seriously to join the caravan of arms requisitioners in order to be one of the military depots in the Arabian Gulf, which is witnessed dreadful armament operations and pile-up of weapons hysterically in a desperate bid by world imperialism to reinforce its stanchies in a way ensuring its presence and continuation of looting the oil wealth of the area. In this connection the Bahraini Defence Minister is visiting Britain at present. He met upto now a number of officials in the British War Ministry and is expected to meet also the British Defence Secretary Carrington. A British official announced that the visit of the Bahrain Defence Minister comes in reply to the visits made by two officials from the British Defence Ministry to Bahrain earlier. But it is confirmed that this visit aims at obtaining British weapons for Bahrain's military force.

FOREIGN MONOPOLISTIC COMPANIES EXPAND CIRCLE  
OF EXPLOITATION OF OMANI CITIZEN

The foreign monopolistic companies were not contented with the looting of the plentifulness of the citizen and the sweat of the Omani citizen and so started to intensify and expand the circle of their exploitation and oppression in order to cover all walks of life of the citizen and in particular those connected with the presence of these monopolistic companies and the continuation of this presence.

The living bread became a hard and difficult thing for the citizen to obtain in a homeland half of whose income comes from agricultural produces and the difficulties in this respect are attributed to the following reasons:-

- 1) The monopoly and exploitation exercised by the foreign monopolistic companies which undertake the importation and marketing of consumer goods in the Sultanate which led to hysterical lift constantly of the prices of the consumer goods until they reached the rate of thirty per cent three years ago e.g. before the era of Qaboos (the era of prosperity).

2) The Omani citizen suffers from suicidal unemployment and cannot make available his living bread except if he works and work is inavailable, and cannot be made available under such prevailing conditions.

But as to those who managed to obtain their bread of living by working in these monopolistic companies or contracting companies and other existing fields, these lie under the burden of exploitation and open looting of their work and sweat for which they are only paid very meagerly in a way not conforming at all with the hysterical lift of the prices of essential consumer materials.

#### IRAN BUYS MORE AMERICAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT

During his visit to the United States the Shah of Iran concluded a partnership contract in the capital of (Ashland) oil company whose activities are confined to the interior of the United States of America. This decision found favor welcome by the circles of American imperialism. Nixon said that this Iranian step encourages oil exporting countries to work for the continuation of the flow of its oil and to ensure investment of their funds. The Shah announced during this visit that he will buy more American fighter planes of modern type to reinforce the Iranian force. This announcement came during the visit made by the Shah to one of the factories manufacturing military planes.

#### IRAN INTERFERES MILITARILY IN AMIRATES

The Shah of Iran made a statement during his visit to Washington to the correspondent of the American television station saying that the Iranian government would interfere militarily in the Arab Emirates to combat any of the leftist military coups according to his expression.

The Shah added: the activities carried out by the foreign countries in the Gulf area must be confined to shipping and trade (land). He confirmed that Iran is not trying to use oil as a political weapon. The Shah of Iran warned the United States against any Arab attempt to use oil as a weapon for bearing pressure on it.

#### NIXON AFFIRMS HIS BACKING TO IRAN

After talks which lasted two days and which were held by Shah Bahlavi with the American President, a press statement was issued by the White House saying that President Nixon affirmed to the Shah that the United States will continue to consolidate the security and stability of the Gulf area.

The statement said that the talks were held in (a very cordial and warm atmosphere). During their talks they stressed upon the mutual relations which link their two countries. Nixon also expressed to the Shah America's admiration for and evaluation of the leading role played by Iran in this area and agreed to continue consultations and cooperation which signify their relations since long.

IRANIAN STUDENTS SAY: THE SHAH IS FASCIST

While the Shah of Iran was holding talks in the White House with President Nixon on the first day of his visit to the United States which lasted three days, hundreds of Iranian students who receive their studies in the United States, demonstrated in front of the White House and shouted "The Shah is a fascist executionist" and "Down with American Imperialism".

The demonstrating students also deplored the operations of repression and assassination committed by the Iranian repressive forces against the masses of the Iranian people and their organisations and national and democratic vanguards. The students also expressed protest against the military and economic aids extended by American imperialism to Iran.

SAUDI REGIME - DEFENDER OF IMPERIALIST MONOPOLISTIC INTERESTS

Novosti Press service launched a fierce campaign against the idolist reactionary regime in the so-called Saudi kingdom. The agency wrote an article under the title "Saudi regime plays the role of defender of the oil interests of imperialist monopolies." It said that "the Saudi royal regime which owns huge financial resources, which performs its acts in collusion closely with imperialism, is exercising for several years continuous secret and armed acts alike against the progressive and nationalist forces in the Arabian Gulf area and in other areas in the Arabian Peninsula. The Saudi regime is backing in that by the support of the international oil monopolistic companies and plays the role of defender of their interests."

PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY SADDAM HUSSEIN IN WHICH HE DEALS WITH ISSUES OF GULF AREA AND ARAB HOMELAND

Mr. Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council in the Republic of Iraq, held recently a press conference in which he dealt with a number of internal (domestic) issues and Arab and international issues as well as the attitude of the national government of Iraq towards the total issues. In connection with the "American greeds in the Gulf, Mr. Saddam said that America is ambitious of influence and if it could colonise the world it would do so. The imaginations of "American imperialism include one that the most strategic areas having connection with its economic, political and military interests is the Arabian Gulf area. This is the interpretation for the American activities in this area.

On the CENTO and arming of Iran, Mr. Saddam Hussein said that the CENTO was created following the birth of the revolution of 14th July, 1958 in Iraq, and now the United States is making extra-ordinary efforts to re-design this pact in a way that it can perform its certain tasks against the security of peoples in this area. He said that the arming by America of Iran is not fit to be an assurance for the regime in Iran as it may be used against the Iranian regime itself by the Iranian peoples.

On the Saudi reactionary regime, the Deputy Confidential Secretary of the Regional Leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party said in comment on the statements of Sultan bin Abdel Aziz, Defence Minister in the so-called Saudi Arabia in which he said: "Any aggression of any of the States of the Gulf is an aggression on us - the Saudis -"

This statement is not aimed at Iran. But is aimed at Iraq. They are trying to impress the people in this area that the danger lies in Iraq and not in Iran which is occupying three Arab islands in the Gulf, in spite of the fact that Iran is not hiding or refuting through its officials its expansionist ambitions in this area.

The real danger is not coming from the progressive countries which are raising the banner of Arab unity but the danger is coming from America and Iran from the traitorous reactionary countries which are in collusion with America and Iran.

LET US MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE IN  
THE STEADFASTING NORTHERN YEMEN

25 Yemeni Militants Arrested & 28 Others Executed

The reactionary authorities in the Yemeni North continue to commit their criminal and savage crimes against the masses of the people there and against the nationalist and democratic forces the bases of the glorious revolution of 26th September.

Not a day passed without news coming about the arrest of honest nationalist elements and not a day passes without a number of Yemeni youth being hanged on the crosses of the Fascist regime. This became the main programmes and fundamental tasks of this regime. This is in addition to the barbaric military campaigns launched on the villages and rural areas of the Yemeni North following by that most savage and criminal methods.

These crimes, and savage measures which the reactionary regime in the Yemeni North undertook to perform as part of the imperialist-reactionary plan, do not aim at liquidating the ambitions of the people in the North for freedom and progress only but also aim at ending and liquidating every national democratic movement in the Arabian Peninsula and Arabian Gulf and in particular topped by the progressive regime in Democratic Yemen and the revolution of 9th June. These crimes arouse the humanitarian feelings of the liberation and progressive and peace-loving forces. These crimes also became an unacceptable and unjustified thing even to those forces and elements in sympathy and in support of this puppet reactionary regime.

The Arab national liberation movement and all Arab progressive regimes are persistently required to cut the ropes of silence around what is taking place and the crimes carried out against the masses of the Yemeni people in the North, to stage a protest move and collective condemnation against the regime, and to support and back the patriotic struggle waged by the vanguards of the Yemeni people. All democratic and freedom, progress and peace-loving forces are required to stand firmly by the side of the struggle of the people in Northern Yemen and to back up their national democratic movement and militant vanguards.

KUWAIT BUYS WEAPONS WORTH 1,000 MILLION STERLING

Within the scope of piling up weapons in the Arabian Gulf area, Kuwait will conclude a huge military deal with the United States of America and Britain valued at about one thousand million sterling. This deal will cover different types of Western weapons.



THE SHAH-IN-SHAH REGIME AND THE FILTHY ROLE PLAYED BY IT

World Imperialism, topped by American imperialism, continues to implement its huge plan which aims at depicting and bringing up the Iranian reactionary regime as a basic force on which it is depended not only in the Gulf area but also at the level of the Asian Continent and in particular the Indian Peninsula.

This depiction takes several aspects and spheres internally and externally. Internally imperialism pours economic and technical aid in order to back up economic projects through which this regime can reduce the impact of poverty, and need which are being suffered by the Iranian peoples and through which in other words it can absorb a large portion of the massive wrath against this oppressive regime. The depiction operation is also taking place through the piling up of modern and developed weapons, and through supplying the regime with modern military expertise and potentialities in order to create a military force under the command and orders of this regime so that it becomes capable of moving against and deterring any move at any time any where in which the interests of imperialist are threatened with danger.

The Iranian reactionary regime demonstrated endless allegiance to the imperialists, an allegiance which came as a result of the belief the satisfaction of the regime over the traitorous role against the interests of the Iranian peoples and the conspiratorial role against the interests of the Arab people in the Arabian Gulf and Oman area. A belief and satisfaction which came in statements made numerously by the Shah and in particular statements made to the American News Week magazine nearly two months ago in which he said: "The Western Countries and Japan consider the security of the Gulf area as part of their security but are unable to undertake their responsibility in this field and that Iran shouldered the responsibility for undertaking the role of safeguarding the security of this area and ensuring its stability."

Occupation by Iran of the three Omani islands in 1971, was the first step in the operation of protecting the security and ensuring stability in this area in a way serving the objectives in which this regime believed and for which the puppet Shah-in-Shah regime was depicted. This was coupled with a number of secret and open military agreements and treaties which were concluded by the Iranian regime with the puppet reactionary States and entities in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. Most significant of these was the Iranian-Qaboos military treaty under which the islands of (al-Ghanam Kuria Muria and Roos al-Jibal) were delivered by Qaboos to the Shah to establish on them support and launching bases for his military forces in return for military backing and effective participation of the Iranian forces in the filthy war launched against the masses of our people in Oman and in particular in the Southern Region (Dhofar). Not this only, but the Iranian regime stretched its filthy hand to draw up, plan and plot beside the Saudi filthy hand in the Yemeni North where the decayed reactionary regime exists, with the aim of subjugating the liberation will of the Arab people in the Northern Yemen prior to encircling and liquidating the fortress of Arab revolutionary steadfastness - the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen - as a basic part of the fierce imperialist plan.

The Iranian regime is getting traitorous backing and support from the tribal regimes in the Gulf and Oman and from the idolist regime in the so-called Saudi Arabia in addition to the support and blessing of the Arab reactionary regimes. At local level, the Shah failed to absorb the people's wrath against him and against his regime either through (economic reforms) or by spreading the chauvenist spirit to help him in the operation of implementing the drawn up imperialist plan. This failure led to the escalation and growth of the massive resistance in order to be interpreted by the vanguards of the masses in the armed combative activity. This made the regime push away completely the veil which is hiding the reality and to show its teeth to the masses proving its malice and hatred for them. So was the operation of arrests and weekly executions against the militant members of the Iranian people. The rejection of the Iranian masses also takes another form of the forms of resistance, carried out by the vanguards of the Iranian people. Most significant of this was that demonstration which was staged by about 300 Iranian students in front of the American White House during the meeting of the Shah with Nixon. The students called for the fall of the Fascist Shah-in-Shah regime expressing by that their response with the hopes and ambitions of their people. They also demanded the stoppage of supplies of weapons to the regime responding in that with the interests of their peoples and the interests of the Arab peoples and our people in Oman and the Arabian Gulf on the consideration that these weapons are mainly directed to threaten the security and stability and freedom of these peoples.

The masses of our people in Oman and the Arabian Gulf fully realise the aggressive nature of the Iranian regime and realise the traitorous nature of the tribal regimes in our homeland. They also realise the organic link between these regimes and the Iranian regime and in other words the link of these reactionary regimes combined with the interests of imperialism. Our masses in turn realise that their interests are linked organically and fatefully with the interests of the Iranian peoples and that the hatred and malice hidden for the Shah-in-Shah regime does not necessarily and can never mean hostility to the Iranian masses and peoples. There are historical and fateful links which bind the Arab masses in Oman and the Arabian Gulf with the Iranian peoples.

The masses of our people realise that the security of the area and stability and freedom of its peoples cannot be achieved except by eradicating the reasons and factors which disturb the calm and tranquility of this area and disturb the comfort, freedom and stability of its peoples. These reasons and factors are those stanchies existing in it represented in the tribal and feudal regimes including the Iranian regime which are the honest guard of the interests of the imperialists. For realising this goal our masses are determined to march forward towards escalating their struggles through their combative tools the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf, in cooperation with the Iranian masses through their combative tools and definitely will realise this goal.

#### MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf sent a message of condolence to Comrade Erich M. Necker, First Secretary of the United German Socialist Party reading: "We received with deep sorrow the news on the death of leader Walter Ulbricht. Comrade Ulbricht devoted his life for serving the cause of the German people and warmly defended the issues of justice, freedom and peace in the world. We extend to you and the friendly German people our heartfelt condolences coupled with our wishes for more victories."