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Appendix III.

PFLOAG. TASKS OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IN THE GULF.

[PFLOAG held its third congress between 9 and 19th of June 1971 in Rakhyout, in the liberated western sector of Dhofar. The most important document was the platform of the national democratic revolution in the Gulf (published in al-Hurriyah no. 580, August 16th, 1971). It denounces the Union of Arab Emirates as a "crude distortion" of the goal of the unity of the people of the Gulf, and notes that the British, under the impact of the ascending armed struggle in the Southern part of the Gulf (Dhofar), have adopted modern forms of colonialism in the Northern part; they withdrew some of their troops and granted 'formal' independence to Qatar and Bahrein.

Britain moves troops out of the Gulf, but at the same time builds secret bases and strengthens neighbouring ones. The U.S., in return, have increased their sea power in and near the Gulf and strengthened the local reactionary forces in Saudi Arabia and Iran.

The platform defines the people's enemies in this present phase of the development of the Gulf as the imperialists, the feudalists and their bourgeois compradore allies. While the forces of the revolution are the workers, poor peasants and their ally ~~ix~~ - the majority of the petty-bourgeoisie. Therefore, the whole people - with the exception of the feudalists and the compradores - must unite to form a wide national united front. This front will struggle to achieve the aims of the national-democratic revolution which is directed against imperialism, for independence and is simultaneously radically democratic, aiming at the overthrow of the allies of imperialism, the autocratic regimes, the feudalists and the compradores.

The means of struggle are essentially a protracted people's war, but this does not exclude other means of struggle. Whilst

the Front emphasises that the revolutionary bases should be set up in the countryside, it is fully aware that the revolution will only triumph when it links up with the struggles in the towns.

As for the platform of the national-democratic revolution, it consists of the following tasks:]

"I. The Gulf.

1. Integral independence and freeing the region from all forms of imperialism.
2. The overthrow of the autocratic-oligarchic regimes.
3. The end of Balkanisation and the achievement of the political unity of the region.
4. The abolition of feudalism in all its forms.
5. The abolition of slavery and the liquidation of all remnants of servile relations.
6. The institution of the people's democratic power.
7. The liquidation of compradore exploitation.
8. The liquidation of all foreign monopolies.
9. Freeing the local market from dependence on the world capitalist market.
10. Building an independent national economy based on agriculture and heavy industry.
11. Freedom and initiative to the masses, who possess a real stake in the revolution.
12. Organising the political and military potential of the people.
13. Building a strong revolutionary army.
14. Work towards putting an end to the differentiation between the countryside and the towns.
15. Fighting imperialist and reactionary culture, and building a national revolutionary culture.
16. Working towards freeing women from all forms of political, social and family oppression.
17. Putting an end to social injustice and providing a decent living for all citizens.
18. Fighting the causes of moral, political and administrative corruption.
19. Eradicating poverty, ignorance, illness and other causes of

underdevelopment in society.

20. Guarantee full rights for minorities and foreign communities.

21. Guarantee freedom of belief and religion for all.

II. The Arab World.

22. Work towards the unity of the national-democratic forces in the Arab World.

23. Take an active role in the Arab revolutionary movement to achieve the tasks of the national-democratic revolution and build the united Arab socialist society.

24. Establish strong links with the widest popular masses of the Arab nation as the primary and decisive force in the present conflict between the Arab people on the one hand, and imperialism, Zionism and Arab reaction on the other.

25. Unmask and denounce the puppet, reactionary Arab regimes in the service of Zionism and imperialism.

26. Consider that the unity of various sectors of the Palestine resistance movement and the waging of a protracted people's war against Zionism, would imperialism and their interests in the Arab world constitute the vital steps on the road toward the liberation of Palestine and the liquidation of the Zionist state-structure.

III. The International scene.

27. Consider that the national democratic revolution in the Gulf forms part and parcel of the national revolutionary movement in the world.

28. Back and support the struggles of the oppressed peoples in the three continents - Asia, Africa and Latin America - in their just fight against the forces of neo-colonialism and racism all over the world.

29. Support the socialist forces in the world in their historical struggle against international imperialism and capitalism."