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From this sphere they were astonished by the outcome of the war which can be increased positively in the interest of the Arab liberation movement in the event of the continuation of the Israeli aggression and encouragement by the Americans of this aggressive entity in an open manner. They decided to come down with all their weight in order to arrange their relations in a closer manner with the reactionary and submissive regimes to spread their influence in a permanent manner, in accordance with the expressions of Kissinger.

At the same time they moved another reactionary reserve and another local repressive force upon which American imperialism depended for the past twenty years to take the role of Israel in expanding at the expense of the national interests of our people and annexation of the Omani Arab territories to the Shah Empire of the Americans.

As part of these plans, the Iranian army attacked Oman in order to kill the armed revolutionary movement in it and to annex the Omani strategic territories to the throne of Iran and to keep our homeland under the protection of the puppet Shah.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf has warned since ceasefire and before the convention of the Geneva conference to the danger of the imperialist attack and its expansion at the level of the Arab area as a whole and that the danger of liquidation does not threaten the Palestinian issue only but also threatens the armed revolution and the national movement as a whole in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. We once again affirm that the Iranian invasion of Oman does not come to protect the security and stability of oil monopolies and the other capitalist monopolies in the Arabian Gulf area only, and does not come in honour of Qaboos and his traitorous clique and to protect the puppet Al-Busaid family. It also does not come to help the Gulf countries to advance and progress and to make use of their vast financial potentialities but comes as part of the special plans of the Iranian throne to realise Iranian greeds in the Arabian Gulf area.

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Iran was, before the British withdrawal - continuously affirming that the Gulf area is part of the Iranian properties and that the Arab Amirates from the Sultanate of Muscat upto the Amirate of Kuwait, were part of the Parsee Empire. Documents containing such claims are not little. They fill all documentary sections in the British Foreign Office. If Iran raised such claims at a period in which the importance of the area from the sphere of oil did not appear clear and its strategic importance did not reach its present status, are we to believe that the puppet Shah gave up all his expansionist claims and his role was only confined to help those who require help from him by the traitorous rulers.

The Shah of Iran regards the Sultanate of Oman as part of his special and private properties AND DOCUMENTS EXCHANGED between the British Foreign Office and the Iranian Foreign Ministry indicate that the Shah benefits from that period in which Oman was occupied between the years of 1737 to 1744.

All this proves the reality of the greed of the Shah and the size of treason committed by the rulers of Muscat against the Omani people and the criminal role carried out by Britain to facilitate the assignment of Iran in Oman.

In front of this extensive imperialist attack and the Iranian expansionist greed as well as the national treasons committed by the rulers of Muscat, it appears the clear the seriousness of the situation in Oman not only to the Omani people but also to the area of the Arabian Gulf and all national Arab countries and the national liberation and progressive forces in our Arab homeland.

In the face of the Iranian invasion of Oman which does not only aim at Hormez Strait and the Omani territories, but the whole of the Arabian Gulf area, to implement the Iranian expansionist greed and to tighten the influence of the Americans over our oil wealths, in front of such thoughts we see that the national forces in the Gulf area have to reveal this plan by all means and with all potentialities in their possession and to mobilise their masses for confronting this invasion and this imperialist plan and to stand bravely and courageously in the face of this plan. The formation of a combative solidarity front with the revolution in Oman is a basic task in front of all national forces in the Arabian Gulf.

IRANIAN PRESENCE IN OMAN AND ITS SERIOUS
REFLECTIONS ON GULF

The growing military force in Teheran will not stop its advance and its march to implement the imperialist plan. Most of the previous Iranian statements accustomed by the Arab ear have been realised. But what are the dimensions of the Iranian invasion of the Free Omani territories in the Southern Region (Dhofar) and what are their practical implementations.

Iran is working to have complete control over Hormez Strait. It is to be recalled that the other edge of the strait lies on the Omani side and belongs to the Sultanate of Oman. But Iran controls completely this part of Oman.

This talk repeated by us is always face by great contravention by the Government of Muscat. It either renews its insults cooked by the Jordanian experts and publishes pictures of some soldiers on the rocks of al-Ghanam island, or Qaboos makes statements on this strategic and important island saying that it is rocky and non-strategic.

We affirm that this sensitive area is under Iranian protection because the American and British imperialists are agreeable that the regime in Muscat is unable to protect this strait. This area was previously under British protection before British withdrawal from the Gulf area. When American imperialism found that Iran possesses power ten-folds than what was possessed by Britain in the Gulf, it entrusted to it the task of protecting this area. But the other side of the Strait is an Omani Arab side. How then to solve this problem and to keep it under the Iranian protection?

American imperialism did not find any difficulty in solving this problem as it does not recognise except its oil and strategic interests and it is not important to it if Arab islands or territories have been turned to the Iranian throne so long this is safer for its interests.

Moreover imperialism does not ignore the expansionist greeds of the Shah and the possibility of exploiting them in the interest of the imperialist plan. In this way the Roos al-Jibal area was placed under Iranian protection and (Al-Ghanam) island was handed over to Iran. (Qaboos says that he knows nothing about this island but he believes that it does not possess any strategic position or value if it was taken by Iran.)

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This reminds us of the ill-famed Heikal who was aroused by the Arab wrath which came out following the Iranian occupation of the Arab islands. He said that they are rocky islands of no value at all. News agencies then reported the discovery of oil in huge quantities in the island of Abou Moussa and the establishment of military bases on the islands of Tonb and Abou Moussa. For information only the island of Al-Ghamm lies at a distance of several kilometres from the straits and more than a kilometre away from the Omani coast and lived by several families. It has huge water pump stations since the Second World War as these pumps were used by the allies as a base for their needs of water. This station still exists. The waters lying between it and the Omani coast are regarded as a safe road for dhows which move from the Amirates to Iran and from the Amirates to Muscat as the depth of the waters in the other area makes it dangerous and risky to the dhows. Therefore it is a greatly strategic area which can be used for search as is the case at present with the Iranian navy.

Iran now became in control through the sea and air on the Roos al-Jibal area. The Shah of Iran says: The question of Hormez Strait is a question of life or death and no hesitate will be made over having control over it.

So what Iran's supervision over the Hormez Strait means to the Arabs:-

- 1) It means that the Kuwaiti, Bahraini and Qatari oil and the oil of North Oman and the major portion of Saudi and Iraqi oil lies under the mercy of the Iranian navy and that the strange moves of the Shah (which were revealed by the Italian newspaper Oriana Valach and reproduced by al-Ballagh newspaper of Beirut) makes us not exclude the fact that he might take steps which will threaten most of the countries or to use the strait as a means for absorbing the ability to implement his policies and the policies of his masters in the area.
- 2) All food imports and consumer goods and all exports to the Gulf area became under the mercy of the Iranian navy.
- 3) Arab navigation and international navigation in this strait lies under the strange moves of the Shah of Iran.

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The Iranian military ships are tracing the Omani ships and search them in any spot they wish. Not this only, but they even prohibited the Omani fishermen in North Oman from fishing in the area of Roos al-Jibal and particularly near the island of al-Ghanam and the Strait area.

4) Iran tried to make Hormez Strait as a search station and a point of discharge of tankers. Most of the Gulf countries protested and regarded as a bid by Iran to have complete and open control over this sensitive area. But the traitorous authorities in Muscat welcomed the idea and it is not excluded that these authorities will start implementing this dangerous project. The idea was placed since 1972, then the information machineries have kept quiet. It is needed to ascertain the stage reached by the project.

Will the Iranian invasion constitute danger to Oman alone? Will the Iranian invasion constitute a threat to the armed people's revolution in the Southern Region? Or is it a danger threatening the whole Arabian Gulf area and that the implementation of the Iranian expansionist plan came instages and will continue in stages so long that American imperialism wants to make of Iran a watch dog for the Gulf area not caring at all for the annexation of these territories to the Parsee Empire if that is more safer to the American and other imperialist interests especially that the American threats which came out during the recent war still echo in the ears.

We recall the threats of Iran which were made by the Shah of Iran and his Ministers during the previous short period. He pointed out in one of his statements that the danger of sabotage is great in the Emirates (sabotage in the understanding of the Shah carries a lot of meanings significant of which is hostility to his expansionist dreams and their confrontation) and that the sheikhs never know about what is going on around them and that he will not keep quiet if these Emirates were subject to danger. In spite of all these threats which came out during the recent period and reached the extent of threatening to occupy areas by the force of arms, no Arab country raised any question to the Shah of Iran to ask him: who placed you a policeman on this area and what is your concern with the internal affairs of the Emirates? and if their peoples are not pleased with their rulers these are internal affairs which do not allow to interfere in them or to poke your nose.

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We believe that Qaboos committed a great crime which cannot be overlooked by all whether they be the revolutionary forces or the reactionary forces in this area if they are really eager about its stay and its Arabism. Iran found its missing point in Qaboos who does not hesitate to open Oman for it in order to control the country and to protect him from the wrath of his people. Through Oman it can threaten the area surrounding it - whether Democratic Yemen or any other place. Undoubtedly its threat will be serious and dangerous to all national and revolutionary forces in the area if they do not hasten to condemn such aggression and to draw the attention of the broad Arab masses in the area and to press on their governments to take the measures necessary for protecting its future and for standing by the side of the armed revolution in Oman.

What draws attention is that the national forces in the Gulf area do not give this invasion the attention it deserves and it appears that their small conflicts and their attention for the minor regional problems have hidden the great danger which threatens the future of the area. At a time in which the Iranian army is saluting the brave Omani people, we find only little of the national forces in the Gulf area which give attention to that.

As to the rulers of the area, the danger also threatens them. It is pointed out by the Shah of Iran that he is ready to invade any emirate if he finds that necessary.

It appears that the national and honest voices in the Gulf area constitute danger to this puppet watchman and gendarme. Moreover the Americans have expressed more than once that control over the oil springs to ensure its flow does not necessarily call for the landing of American forces as such role can be carried out by the Israelis or the Americans.

THE QABOOS SPEAKS ...!

Your Majesty the Shah-in-Shah.

Stability was the basic factor for reaching the cherished aim which was opposed by the sabotage movements and imported inspirations which are financed from outside the area and aim at creating distortion and disturbing the security of the country as they can reach their objectives through corruption.

Emanating from this understanding your Majesty has responded to our request and helped us in our struggle with equipment and strong men who are carrying out their duties with seriousness, activeness and sincerity a matter which calls for extension of every thanks and admiration.

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ECONOMIC ATTACK ON THE ARABIAN GULF

While Mr. Henry Kissinger was roaming the Arab area carrying with him the American political solutions, David Rockefeller Director of the Chase Manhattan Bank of America, was in turn touring the area carrying with him his economic projects. The economy, politics and American and capitalist attitudes to have control in a new manner over the wealths of the Arab area. The whole attitude is turned completely towards the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and Peninsula.

During the recent period, several reactionary and imperialist deals and investment offers and American, French, German and Japanese companies were running after the distribution of the area wealths amongst them and re-arrangement of the conditions in the area economically in the course of the political developments taking place to impose the influence of imperialism in complete form on the area.

During the recent months, several oil concessions and exploration for minerals, installations and other things took place. In Dubai the American-French-German company announced a new oil discovery while it was announced that Dubai will be converted into a free market according to the expression of Mahdi Attager, Ambassador of the State of Amirates in London.

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However, a new oil well was discovered on an island belonging to Abu Dhabi. The oil of this island is signified by a very low sulphuric rate. This was the first well to be discovered by the American company of Ambradakis which is operating in the marine area.

In Abu Dhabi it was decided to establish a factory for gas the cost of which amounts to 300 million dollars. The companies participating in it are: British Petroleum 26 per cent, the French Oil Company 13 per cent, the Japanese Mitsui Company 36 per cent, the British Bridgestone Company 4 per cent, and the National Oil Company in Abudhabi 20 per cent. Those to carry out the construction of this factory are the American Bechtel Company and the Japanese Kyodo company.

In the Sultanate of Oman three oil concessions were recently concluded with several oil companies.

The first concession was obtained by the American Sun Oil Company and lies near the island of Masirah, the Anglo-American air base.

The second concession was obtained by the German Winter Shell Company which lies near the Batinah coast in the gulf of Oman.

The third concession was obtained by the French Elf Erap company and lies near Massendem cape.

Rockefeller's visit to the Sultanate comes in order to reinforce American influence. Rockefeller announces that his visit lies within a tour of some Middle East countries in order to study their conditions and to know the economic relations in the area. He said: our banking relations are strong in the Middle East area including Oman.

These economic movements by Imperialism in the Gulf area spring from two spheres:-

1) That the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and Peninsula will become the biggest consumer market in the area.

2) It constitutes at the same time the biggest world market for capitals resulting from the increase of oil prices.

Therefore we find that the movements of the economic companies pour into two directions:-

1) Marketing of the total production of these companies, including consumer goods, and to make this area free of any local industries.

2) To shift these capitals to their countries and to invest them on different economic projects in the capitalist countries in order to cover the failure in their budgets and to renew the investment movement.

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It was recently noticed that there are several banks which shifted their main centres from Beirut to the Arabian Gulf such as the American Chase Manhattan Bank, the First National City Bank, and the Bank of America. Moreover the first Bank and several other banks are negotiating as a solid group of American-Japanese banks but all their movements are poured towards this new policy which is directed towards the Gulf area.

It is worth mentioning that the majority of these oil funds are freezed in British, European and American banks or invested in the capitalist countries and on the other hand transferred to Israel in the form of aid or as loans. It is to be recalled that Israel is depending in its budget on foreign loans while the area people are in fact not benefiting from it.

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... AND FRANCE WANTS TO EAT PART OF THE CAKE

The diplomatic circles in Muscat were surprised that the new French Ambassador is not a French who speaks Arabic as usual but the Paris government cut short the road by appointing a diplomat of Arab origin. The French Government in turn understood its imperialist interests and began to re-implement it. Instead of standing as a spectator, it preferred to take the role of partner who wants his interests to escape from the American grip in order to exploit them for himself. Muscat, with the historical relations with France, wants to repeat these relations in a developed manner. At the end of 1973, Ruter news agency reported that France (expressed support and backing for the government of the Sultanate of Oman in its war against the revolutionaries in the province of Dhofar in the extreme south of the Sultanate).

No sonner 1973 has ended, the French Alfa Erap company secured a concession for the exploration of oil near Massendem Cape and economic delegations poured on the Sultanate. As Jobert was on a tour of the Arab countries, secret deals were concluded between the sources concerned. Reports spoke about the successes realised by the French government in the sale of arms, as these endeavours (succeeded in ensuring a deal between the French side and the side of Abu Dhabi under which Abu Dhabi bought fourteen Mirage planes and other type of equipment." It appears that the French Government does not want to eat part of the cake only but wants also to take a position under the sun in the Arabian Gulf area. It is a new Napoleonic statement.

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The imperialists and reactionaries want it:

A SUBMISSIVE SETTLEMENT

When the oil ban is lifted from the United States of America before the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from all Arab territories and Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, a huge question appears circulating in the Arab territories: Why the oil weapon was used? Was Arab reaction sincere in its claims to liberate Jerusalem and prayers at al-Aqsa Mosque or whether there was an aim which was realised and the lift of the ban now became a weapon which can be used for arranging other things still existing in the minds of the masters of Arab reaction!:

It was clear to all Arab revolutionaries that Arab reaction which was much pleased with the results of the October war, will work with all its potentialities to exploit these results to the farthest extents for realising four main aims:-

- 1) To distort the whole procession of the Arab revolution since 1952 and to bring all defeats and setbacks to the chain of social, economic and political changes which took place in the national Arab countries and in other words to wrest all gains, to strengthen all reactionary currents in the Arab countries and to liquidate the revolutionary forces;
- 2) To obtain pardon notes for these puppet regimes and to keep quiet over what goes on in their territories of ugly looting of the national wealth and crushing of the prestige of man in their countries and above all to accept leadership by these puppet regimes of the official Arab rank for deciding the nature of confrontation with imperialism.
- 3) To extrude the Arab national liberation movement and the Arab national regimes from the camp of world revolution and its natural allies, the Socialist countries and the national and free countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the forces of liberation and progress in the world;
- 4) To pull the Arab area to the camp of world imperialism and to confine the conflict to its narrow scope (Israeli-Arab) apart from its roots and links with the whole plans of the imperialists. And it becomes in the view of Arab reaction, a must for those who want to liberate Palestine to put his hand with America so that the Americans are convinced that the Arabs are more sincere

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to them than the base which they established on the Arab territory and that the Americans can depend upon their Arab allies for implementing what they want more than they depend upon the Israelis. Then only the Americans will be convinced that the solution cannot be by strengthening the Zionist entity and consolidating it but by strengthening the Arab regimes and the flow of the American capitals on them and to exclude the Israelis from the new friends of America as well as to restore the Arab territories occupied by Israel in 1967 back to the Arab countries!

The Important Question

Here a question is put up: Has oil become a weapon in the liberation battle? for strengthening the positions of the Arab confrontation countries which incurred thousands of martyrs and shouldered many difficulties for restoring back what was taken by Israel from them in 1967?

Or whether oil became a weapon for convincing the Americans that the Arabs are their friends and then it can be used to pacify the obstacles and difficulties that may face the American attack on the whole Arab territories.

Six months after the glorious battles of October and the use of oil as a weapon, there appeared the plain results of this weapon which was perfectly used by reaction and the companies. After a long hesitate Arab reaction was forced to use the oil weapon after the wrath of the masses for it increased to a great extent and after it was encircled by the democratic regimes and studied with the oil companies the positive aspects which can be harvested from such weapon. The size of successes realised by Arab reaction in this field appeared clear as it was able to wrest leadership of the Arab rank and the hired pens began to repeat that Feisal is the hero of the crossing. After realising link between some Arab countries and the Americans, the reactionary oil continued its role to press on the Golan front to follow the steps of the Sinai front, to hoist the American flag and to clear the public sector and speak about the necessity of reverting to the previous era.

At a time in which Saudi reaction is freed to throw its full weight on the confrontation countries to make them follow this road, American imperialism assigns the Iranian throne to attack

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the Iraqi regime in order to obstruct its contribution in confronting the American liquidatory plans and to obstruct implementation of the historical agreement of 11th March so that the Americans can impose harsh solutions on the Golan front and impose submissive solutions on the Palestinian revolution.

On the other hand the nationalism of the rulers of Muscat appears along with their contribution in the fateful battle by opening the doors of Oman for the Iranian invaders to share in turn in creating new and serious fronts for the Arab nation and to turn Oman into a bridge for Iran to cross to hit the progressive regime in Democratic Yemen and to bounce on the Arab liberation movement in the south of the Arabian Peninsula.

Middle Circle

It was clear from the beginning that the parties in the fateful and basic conflict are the masses of the Arab nation and the Arab forces which must be pulled to the battle on one hand and the forces of imperialism and Zionism on the other. The national Arab countries worked for pulling the reactionaries to the side of the Arab rank in a bid to find a formula for Arab solidarity which can push the battle forward against Zionism and imperialism. But every time there appeared a reactionary force proving to be the ally of Zionism and imperialism and that it is standing even against such weak formulax. The Jordanian regime proved that it is the basic ally of the forces of imperialism and a main enemy not only of the Palestine revolution but the entire Arab revolution.

With the complication of the situation in this area, there appeared clearly the role of Saudi reaction and the other Arab reaction as the reserve of imperialism inside the Arab rank and that the Americans work through it to strengthen their positions and to impose their solutions gradually.

The conflict escalates - inside the Arab rank and the forces hostile to Zionism - between the national forces and the Arab national countries for continuing the fighting and forcing the imperialists and zionists to withdraw from the Arab and Palestinian territories occupied in 1967 as a necessary basic step in the long and strenuous battle waged by the Arab nation for full liberation of the Palestinian soil and establishment of a democratic Palestinian State and for liberation and genuine independence and between the reactionary and backward forces which want to restore old ownerships,

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to liquidate completely the social and economic gains, to attach the Arab area entirely to the yard of the imperialists and to liquidate the Palestinian issue by creating sheikhdoms and new Amirates headed by sheikhs and Amirs to hit the Palestinian revolution and its militant forces in order to make available the conditions essential for peace and permanent security for the Zionists and imperialists.

In the face of such situation and conflicts taking place sharply between the forces of liberation and freedom and progress represented in the national Arab countries and the national and democratic forces in the whole Arab area backed by all forces of liberation and progress in the world topped by the friendly Socialist countries and between the reactionary forces and the orphans of the ousted regimes backed by the forces of submission and supported by the forces of world imperialism, we must search continuously for the middle circle which we can hold to reach positive solutions in the interest of the liberation movement and pushing it steps forward.

Balances of Forces

Since the political results in every stage only express the balance of power in that area, the current balance of power and the laid down solutions only lean with and take American interpretations for the success of the submissive reactionary wing in the Arab rank. In other words it is not in the interest of the forces of the revolution to accept a submissive settlement imposed on them but they must fight against such settlement in order to create better circumstances for realising greater positions and victories militarily and political in the entire Arab area in order to turn the balance of power to their favour and in other words to force the imperialists and zionists to submit to the legitimate demands of our people so that that interim settlement becomes a real station behind which the national and revolutionary forces take up positions to continue their struggle against the imperialist, zionist and reactionary presence.

The potentialities possessed by the forces of liberation and progress are great. These are signified by the forces of the Arab masses which must be revolutionised and their participation escalated to the extreme ends, and the forces of the Arab national democratic

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forces which, through their unity, can confront the forces of reaction and submission in the area. Moreover all forces of liberation and progress stand by the side of our people and their just issue along with the Socialist countries which will stand with full weight by our side to wrest the phasical gains that can be accepted.

The central question is the extent of our preparedness to continue the struggle, the extent of our mobilisation of the masses to stand against the solutions of the imperialists, not to accept hurriedly American settlement and to struggle for creating better circumstances. This calls for a genuine struggle at all levels and in all fields and fronts against the puppet Jordanian throne and against the Iranian invasion and Israeli occupation for uniting all Arab national and revolutionary energies so that the revolution can wrest a base upon which the Palestinian national authority is established and a base which can become a real launching point for liberation and not a station for complete liquidation.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

Sultanate of Oman - Ministry of Education

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(Circular No. 47)

To all Omani students staying outside the Sultanate.

The Ministry of Education wishes to draw the attention of all Omani students who are studying outside the Sultanate at the expense of the Ministry of Education or through it, that information reaching it indicate that some of these students donate from their scholarship expenses for the so-called 'People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf'. These expenses spent for the students have been allocated from the funds of the programmes of construction and development in the

Sultanate for spending them on the education of the rising Omani generations and not for turning into bullets directed in the chests of the Omanis through that front. The Ministry warns all Omani students that it will suspend the expenses of any student donating his expenses or part of it for that front. This is beside any punishment necessitated by the circumstances. The Ministry hopes that the students will evade anything harming their homeland and government.

Signed by: acting Minister of Education

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WHY THE NEW AMERICAN BASE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

The United States of America is turning towards making the Indian Ocean area a blazing gap through the establishment of more military bases. Concentration upon the Indian Ocean comes as part of the strategy of the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf in view of the importance it represents. On 23.5.73 a spokesman for the American State Department made a statement in which he said: "The United States is having important interests in Kuwait and the 'Persian' Gulf area in general since Britain gave an end in 1971 to its role as protector of the Gulf area. The important American interests in the Gulf area cover naturally the petroleum resources.."

The chains of American attention for this valuable part of the world followed successively. A while after that statement, the Sub-Committee for Middle East Affairs of the American Senate heard a testimony made by an official from the American State Department (Mr. Rogers David, American State Under-secretary) on the American-Gulf relations which stressed upon 'reinforcement of diplomatic representation, increase of the number of attaches, search for means of improvement, consolidation of development programmes and continuation to study means that can be adopted by the American government to help the oil-producing countries which collect a surplus of revenue for using those funds.'

Only three days later, American Defence Secretary James Silsinger announced that "the presence of American military vessels in the Indian Ocean will become extensively and much organised than before." Silsinger said in a press conference: I think we all realise the increased importance of the Indian Ocean He said that the American naval force spent a long time in the Gulf of Oman near Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Why The Base of Digo Garcia in Indian Ocean?

Eyes at present are turned towards the Indian Ocean which represents in the American strategy an important position or the gap of an international conflict in the forthcoming stage. This island represents to the United States of America a great strategic importance as it allows it to watch the big naval routes in a biggest part of the world. By its lone position it constitutes a straight line linking the Omani island of Masirah which is used by Britain and America as a military base with the command headquarters at al-Jufair base in Bahrain. This island also lies near the Gulf of Oman and close to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen which areas are regarded as the main waterways for oil in view of its closeness from the oil fields.

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It is to be recalled that the United States of America and Britain concluded an agreement under which the American aircraft will use the island and establish for good a base for long-range wireless contacts. The British "Economist" said that this island will "play an important role in backing the American forces in the area."

The Second Point: This island will be nearer to the second base which is - as we said - the island of Masirah from which the reconnaissance planes take off in long patrol operations in the Indian Ocean and where Bombers & continue their exercises and supply aircraft take off to supply the Phantom squadrons returning to Cyprus and England. It lies on the other side of the Gulf adjacent to the biggest Iranian base in the Indian Ocean. The base of Shah Bihar. This makes them constitute the hand of the hammer.

The Third Point: is the land base at Jufair in Bahrain which still exists and forms the centre of the command of the American Seventh Fleet in the Indian Ocean. The Foreign Minister of Bahrain announced recently that debate is still going on over it with America.

This new base which will give the Americans the chance of shifting their forces to the area in a quicker manner, will be a black point in the face of the area peoples and pose a direct threat to the armed revolution in Oman and the progressive regime in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen as well as peace in the Indian Ocean area.