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MEMORANDUM ON EXTENSIVE ARRESTS IN OMAN

With the Compliments of the Revolution and Struggle:

We wish to draw your attention to the serious situations in Oman following the extensive and comprehensive arrests carried out by the colonialist and reactionary authorities in Muscat and Abu Dhabi. The authorities in the Sultanate and the federation of sheikhs carried out hysterical arrest campaigns since December, 1972. The campaign is still on at present and covered more than 200 detainees between religious men, merchants, students, workers, teachers, employees, soldiers, officers, peasants, shepherds and women from different areas of Oman whose names are listed in this memorandum.

These arrests came after the broad masses came out in the Sultanate of Qaboos to resent the Iranian-Qaboosite military agreement and Iranian presence in the islands of Kuria Muria, Dhofar, Muscat, Roos al-Jibal and the handing over to Iran of al-Ghanam island. They also resent the increasing presence of Britain and Jordan and the extensive terrorism exercised by these colonialist circles against the people with their different classes and political and religious groups, as well as the increase of repression and police terrorism as Oman is in a state of martial law since the war of Jebel al-Akhdar where the citizens are being arrested and their houses demolished, properties confiscated and modesties outraged.

The people's wrath against the Qaboos rule also increased as a result of the ugly oppression and repression exercised by the rule and its Jordanian and British intelligence machineries against all tribes which reject the al-Busaid British regime and insist upon ending the harsh military agreement and checking off the old and new occupationists from the homeland. These movements by the broad masses find increasing repression from the Sultanate authorities in Muscat.

In the federation of sheikhs, the colonialist authorities intimidated the distorted federation to hand over the islands of Oman and to launch wide-scale arrest campaigns against the citizens and democrats after the coup attempt by Saqr al-Qassem in February, 1972. While the sheikhs were celebrating their distorted federation, the masses expressed their national stand when all areas in North Oman witnessed extensive resentment campaigns against the continuation of the occupation of the islands. The masses staged roudy demonstrations which were faced by the puppet rule with wishful arrest campaigns against the citizens and honest national elements from different coastal areas and from different social groups and national and democratic affiliations.

The authorities carried out these extensive and wishful arrests as part of the extensive imperialist and reactionary plan to re-arrange the area and join it with the Saudi-Iranian reactionary pact and to tighten the grip of imperialism around the matters of affairs throughout the homeland. They cannot do that except after extinguishing the heightening nationalist movement in Oman which threatens the interests of the Sultans, sheikhs, reactionaries and imperialists. Emanating from this the British and Jordanian intelligence machineries carried out extensive arrest campaigns covering these social groups hitting against the wall all Arab traditions calling for the respect of religious men, women, State laws and human rights which ban wishful arrests and barbaric methods of torture against the political detainees and their deprivation of all rights as political detainees.

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Moreover the colonialist authorities in Muscat launched these arrests to cover up their increasing failure in its military campaigns in Dhofar which did not succeed in realising their colonialist aims to repress the revolution. At a time in which they launch the extensive wishful arrest campaigns, they exercise in Dhofar extensive extermination war, economic isolation and extensive control around the citizens not only in the rural areas but also in all towns of Dhofar where barbed wires were built around the towns and imprisoned citizens and chained their freedoms in these towns.

At a time in which these colonialist authorities exercise such hysterical campaigns against the citizens, nationalists and progressives in Oman, they do not feel shameful to speak about democracy and freedom at a time in which they exercise ugly dictatorship against the masses, ban public freedoms, close clubs, fight students, workers, peasants, intellectuals and nationalist tribal sheikhs, arrest everyone speaking about the colonialist situation in Muscat, ban all form of expression carried out by the workers to demand their legitimate democratic rights and impose dictatorship even on the men of religion who do not hesitate to call for the fight towards liberating Oman from the British and European and Eastern mercenaries in Oman. In front of these honourable stands the Qaboosite regime did not find but the way of torture and arrests. In the prisons they exercise ugly methods as the detainees face bad beating and torture by electricity continuously and are made up to stand long against the wall with their hands up. Even the Intelligence Jordanian intelligence renovate their ways of torture against our people and destruction of their human dignity repeating continuously that they will crush the masses and revolution in Oman as they did in Jordan.

This shameless vanity and disguise for the simplest human rights are exercised by the authorities of hiredom in Muscat, in addition to preventing the citizens from visiting the detainees and placing the detainees in individual cells to exercise different physical and psychological torture against them to pull confessions from them.

The extensive arrests also covered nationalist elements in the ruling family itself as Mohammad Taleb al-Busaid was arrested on the charge of belonging to the People's Front. Judges were also arrested at Rustaq along with tribal sheikhs in Ja'alan proving the expansion and spread of the people's wrath among the broadest sections and groups of the people. They also clearly prove the lies of allegations by the authority and fabricating rumours oftently repeated by the colonialist circles about the nationalists as being communists and agents.

The puppet authority wants to deface the reality of the situation lived by Oman under the puppet rule of Qaboos and the shameful political and military agreements concluded with Iran and Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Britain in order to make Oman a colony for all reactionaries and imperialists. This made the masses resent such act and rise up to defend the revolution and take part with all their groups and political affiliations and social affiliations with the revolution against the colonialist regime in Muscat and Abu Dhabi. These authorities want to hide the British and Iranian presence through fabrications about the danger of communism and atheism and other fictitious dangers alleged by the traitors to hide their national treasons.

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The Qaboos regime wanted to secure the sympathy of Arab countries after signing the military agreement with Iran, handed over to it al-Ghanam island and Kuria Muria, allowed the Iranian army to come down to Oman to fight the revolution and increased the presence of British officers and special divisions and puppet Jordanian intelligence brought to redress the masses. In front of these treasons he did not find a justification for his treasons and strong hostility to the masses other than to allege fighting communism.

We wish to draw your attention to the serious situation lived by our people in Oman under the al-Busaid rule and the federation of sheikhs and the band conditions and inhuman treatment met by the political detainees and ask you to adopt fast and quick measures and to participate in the extensive resentment campaign against the Oppression of freedom in Oman, and to halt wishful arrests, release the detainees and to suppress barbaric methods followed by the British and Jordanian intelligence to pull confessions by force from the detainees.

We also ask all Arab and international workers, jurist and student bodies and organisations to stand by the side of our people in Oman and to extend all required help to them in their just struggle against colonialism and police repression and restriction of freedoms and the ugly dictatorship followed against them. We also ask you to immediately interfere to save the lives of the political detainees and prisoners in al-Galali and Abu Dhabi prisons and numerous other detentions spreading all over Oman.

Our people, who incurred great sacrifices throughout their glorious history against all forms of foreign occupation and against the dictatorship of the al-Busaid family and the federation of sheikhs, will continue their just struggle for ending the foreign occupation in their homeland and for finding and establishing a national democratic regime on their territories and to unite their soil fully confident that their just struggle will find increasing support by the peace and freedom-loving Arab brothers and friendly peoples, bodies and organisations.

Please accept our combative wishes and remain the defenders of freedom and justice.

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THE PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION
OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF

The number of detainees in Oman reached to more than 130 of whom the following were known:-

- 1) Saleh, Nasser al-Hashar, 2) Saeed Juma'ah, 3) Saeed Abdullah Hamad,
- 4) Mohammad Ahmed Azzureiqi, 5) Salem Nasser al-Hasheni, 6) Salem Saeed al-Uraini, 7) Suweid Saleh, 8) Saleh Chania, 9) Nasser Hamid,
- 10) Aqil Hashen, 11) Hamad Hashen, 12) Hamed Majid, 13) Saeed Abdul Rehman,
- 14) Ali Mohammad al-Marzooqi, 15) Ishaq Youssef al-Kanadi,
- 16) Ali Hamid al-Ghasani, 17) Hamood Hamid al-Ghasani, 18) Issa Mohammad al-Ghasani, 19) Mohammad Taleb al-Busaidi, 20) Saeed Mohammad Assalin,
- 21) Ahmed Salem.

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The number of detainees in the federation of sheikhs amounted to over eighty citizens who included the following:-

- 1) Musallam Muhad Suhail,
- 2) Muassalam Suhail Bashir,
- 3) Muhad Dhaghith Qatan,
- 4) Saeed Salem Qatan,
- 5) Salem Muhad Suhail,
- 6) Seif Abdullah,
- 7) Hamid Abdullah
- 8) Hamad Rashed,
- 9) Darwish Thani,
- 10) Khalfan Saeed,
- 11) Mohammad Imran
- 12) Rashed Muharreb,
- 13) Salem Ali Malek
- 14) Saleh Mohammad Ali,
- 15) Khamis Abdullah
- 16) Mohammad Shukr
- 17) Murshed Mohammad Ashihi,
- 18) Ali Mohammad Ashihi
- 19) Khalifa al-Kandah.
- 20) Tha, ni S aqer
- 21) Mohamed Al -mor
- 21) Ibrahim Ali
- 22) Mobarak Al- Washmi
- 23) Salim A l - mosharafi

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PRESS STATEMENT ON ARRESTS IN OMAN

COMRADES AND FRIENDS,

It pleases us to welcome you to this meeting and thank for responding to our invitation to attend the conference in order to give you a picture on the recent events in the puppet Sultanate of Oman and the Federation of Sheikhs.

The colonialist authorities in Muscat and Abu Dhabi launched an extensive arrest campaign against many national and democratic elements in Oman. The number of detainees reached more than 300 detainees from different areas in inner and coastal Oman where they were put by the authorities in prisons and detention camps specially erected during the recent period to receive such citizens.

This campaign came to couple the imperialist reactionary plan to tighten the grip around the people. Arrests also took place in the Federation of sheikhs when the masses came out during the first anniversary of the occupation of the Omani islands. During this demonstration the Abu Dhabi authorities arrested more than 47 in December, 1972. But the Federation of Sheikhs went farther in its maltreatment towards the people and temptation with the wealths of the pountry. It established diplomatic representation at extraordinary level with Iran. This increased the hatree of the masses for the puppet regime and a roudy demonstration came out in 28th and 29th December, 1972. Here the colonialist authorities launched another extensive arrest campaign which included numerous national elements in different Amirates where the number of detainees reached more than twenty detainees in the last batch. This brought the number of detainees from different political affiliations in coastal Oman to 100.

In the Sultanate of Oman the Iranian-Qaboosite military agreement and the handing over of the stratetgic islands to Iran such as Um al-Ghanam islands, the bringing in of an Iranian army estimated at 290 strong, the participation of Iran in the war against the revclation, and the pouring of equipment and Iranian advisers after the Jordanian intelligence, all these traitorous behaviours increased the hatred of the masses and made them express in different form such hatred and malice for the puppet colonialist regime. Oman witnessed student and worker strikes and massive demonstrations in different areas.

In front of these extensive massive movements which threaten the authority, the Jordanian and British intelligence launched a series of arrests against nationalist and democratic elements in different areas of Oman. These arrests included the men of religion, tribal sheikhs, workers, students, -seamen, soldiers, officers, peasants and women from different groups of the people.

The colonialist authorities were not contented with such acts but followed other barbaric methods to face the masses. They demolished numerous houses of some citizens in the areas of inner oman. They also do not hesitate to arrest the families of those required by them if he does not hand himself over to them. They also arrest women in the eastern region of Oman.

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The colonialist and reactionary authorities credit no value to the simplest human rights contained in the United Nations Charter and the Human Rights Convention and all international Conventions and enact upon the country emergency laws since the days of the war of Jebel al-Akhdhar. They also launch wishful hysterical arrests against the citizens without giving any justifications.

These authorities also exercise brutal methods and defy international laws while dealing with the political prisoners. The Jordanian intelligence wants to prove its ability in front of its British masters and uses torture by electricity, burning and beating and starvation, individual cells and different types of torture to wrest confessions from the detainees.

The detainees have no rights and enjoy no concessions as they are kept in secret prisons erected by the authorities for this purpose. These prisons are distributed amongst al-Galali, Beit al-Falag, Badbad and stretch to other prisons in army camps and deserts to hide the number of detainees from the public opinion. The authorities do not hesitate to hide the bodies of the detainees in the event of their martyrdom as a result of the torture as it happened for one of the detainees accused of carrying out a coup bid which was carried out by Saqr al-Qassemi and one of the elements who was martyred in Abu Dhabi recently as a result of torture.

We draw your attention to the serious situation and open violation of the simplest human rights in the Sultanate of Qaboos and the federation of Zaid. The political prisoners are given very hard treatment exceeding the treatment of real criminals. The detainees are also not forwarded to trial and are not allowed to appoint lawyers to defend them and are not allowed to meet their relatives or to get in touch at all with the outer world. The authorities aim behind this at wresting more confessions and at destroying the morale of these nationalists and at extinguishing the greatening massive movement.

The British colonial authorities in Muscat and Abu Dhabi exercise dictatorial acts at present in a way exceeding all brutal exercises used before the declaration of the fictitious independence. Through the Jordanian and British intelligence they exercise the most hard types of torture against our people to abuse and crush their humanity and destroy them for good.

These behaviours and open violations give the remarkable prove of what is said by us that the Sultanate and Emirates are only colonies and that they do not represent their peoples and that these States cannot abide by any charter of the charters of the international organisations in which they are allowed to join.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf which cannot have its combative procession stopped by such hysterical arrests, resents all barbaric methods followed by the British and Jordanian intelligence against the detainees and political prisoners from different political affiliations in Abu Dhabi and Muscat and asks all international organisations and corporations to interfere against all such open violations and asks all nationalists and democrats in the world to express resentment and to stand by the side of our people and their just cause in this stage in which the American imperialism and its stooges launch a fierce attack on our masses to isolate them from the revolution and to destroy their humanity and attach them to the imperialism plan. We also urge the pressmen and information men to carry out their humanitarian duties by defending the cause of freedom and justice in our homeland in front of the behaviours of the British and Jordanian intelligence machineries and to exert all efforts to explain our cause in front of the Arab and world public opinion.

The number of detainees in the federation of sheikhs and puppet Qaboos Sultanate reached over eighty citizens who included the following:-

- 1) Mussalam Muhad Suhail,
- 2) Mussalam Suhail Bashir
- 3) Saeed Salem Qatan
- 4) Muhadd Dhaghit Qatan
- 5) Salem Muhad Suhail,
- 6) Seif Abdullah,
- 7) Hamid Abdullah
- 8) Hamad Rashed,
- 9) Darwish Thani,
- 10) Khalfan Saeed,
- 11) Mohammad Imran,
- 12) Rashed Muharrab
- 13) Salem Ali Malek,
- 14) Saleh Mohammad Ali,
- 15) Khamis Abdullah,
- 16) Mohammad Shukr,
- 17) Murshed Mohammad Ashihi,
- 18) Ali Mohammad Ashihi,
- 19) Khalifa Al-Kamdah
- 20) Thani Saqr,
- 21) Mohammad al-Moor
- 22) Ibrahim Ali
- 23) Mubarak al-Washmi
- 24) Salem al-Mosharafi,
- 25) Ali Fael Hibsi
- 26) Mulazim Farej Salem
- 27) Soldier Suhail Ali Falet
- 28) Soldier Saeed Amer Hibsi
- 29) Saleh Nasser al-Hashar
- 30) Mohammad Ahmed Lzzureiqi,
- 31) Suwaid Saleh
- 32) Aqil Hashem
- 33) Saeed AbdulRehman
- 34) Ali Hamid al-Ghasani
- 35) Mohammad Taleb al-Busaid
- 36) Saeed Juma'ah
- 37) Salem Nasser al-Hashmi
- 38) Salem Nasser al-Hashmi
- 39) Saleh Ghania
- 40) Hamad Hashem
- 41) Ali Mohammad al-Marzooqi
- 42) Hamood Hamid al-Ghasani
- 43) Saeed Mohammad al-Saleem
- 44) Saeed Abdullah Hamad
- 45) Salem Saeed al-Uraini
- 46) Nasser Hamid
- 47) Hamad Majid
- 48) Ishaq Youssef al-Kanadi
- 49) Issa Mohammad al-Ghasani
- 50) Ahmed Salem