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- * HELICOPTER SHOT DOWN AND 42 ENEMY MEMBERS KILLED OR WOUNDED AND 27 POSITIONS, WIRELESS SET, 81-mm ARTILLERY AND TWO BEDFORD VEHICLES LOADED WITH MERCENARIES DESTROYED.
- * MARTYRDOM OF THREE OF OUR PATRIOT REVOLUTIONARIES INCLUDING MOHAMMAD AMER TUWEIB (DEMOCRAT), AHMED AMER BARQOSI, AND MOHAMMAD AHMED BAKHEET (ABU HAMED). THREE OTHERS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED.

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How fast is Oman to reach its goal?

MILITARY REPORT

FROM MILITARY COMMUNIQUE NO. 628-645/72

ISSUED BY THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY FORCES
(DHOFAR REGION)

Since the start of the last half of December upto the 23rd of December, the forces of the People's Liberation Army concentrated their offensive operations on the enemy centres in the North of Sarfeet in the Western Region and Wadi Khushaim highlands in the Eastern Region. They also launched other attacks on the enemy positions in the Central Region (Kubkab) Razzat and Arwa'a). At al-Mammar (Qardheet and Abu Kheifa) they also launched similar operations. - These operations reached during this period a total of 36 during which the British enemy forces and reactionary forces suffered heavy losses in life and equipment including the shooting down of helicopter and destruction of a two Bedford vehicles. Our losses included the martyrdom of three comrades and the injury of three others. Two of our comrades who were injured fell in captivity.

Details of the battles and the places in which they took places are as follows:-

EASTERN REGION

Our forces concentrated their operations in the Eastern Region during 15,16,17 and 18th December on the enemy centres at Wadi Khashim highlands and launched successive attacks on these centres amounting in number to eight operations prominent of which were the following:

In the morning of 15th December, the enemy moved into the Wadi Khashim highlands but our forces were in wait for the enemy forces and launched attacks on his gatherings from all directions. The attack continued for one and a quarter hours after which our forces withdraw safely and inflicted upon the enemy seven members between killed and wounded. The same group repeated its attack on the same position at noon on the same day and launched a third attack on these centres in the afternoon of the same day. At 4.00 p.m. our revolutionaries launched their fourth attack on these positions. The militants used in these attacks all machine-guns (medium and light) and mortars. Our losses during these operations was the martyrdom of one militant Mohammad Amer Salem (nick-named Democrat).

In the morning of the second day (16.6) our revolutionaries continued their attack on the same positions of the enemy in Wadi Khashim highlands. During the same day our forces launched three successful attacks on these positions using different weapons. Enemy planes and long-range artillery were combing the area in reply to the attacks by our comrades but they did not realise their targets. On 17 and 18th December, our forces launched several other attacks on the same positions during which the enemy forces suffered heavy losses. Enemy planes took part in the battles during the attacks by our patriots.

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CENTRAL REGION

In the Central Region the forces of the revolution of 9th June attacked the enemy centres at Kubkab, Razzat and Arwa'a highlands, east of the Red Line, where they waged with the enemy forces hot battles which included those occurring when the enemy forces moved from their positions in Ashanheeb into the Arwa'a highlands (north of Beit Fayah). During this movement our forces set ambush traps for the enemy forces and as soon as the enemy forces approached they surprised them with fire from their light weapons. The battle continued from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. during which our forces clashed with the enemy using handgrenades, to wipe out the enemy forces and check off their movement. Planes took part in these battles to break the siege imposed by our forces. This led to the shooting down of a helicopter and the death and injury of twelve enemy members as well as the destruction of a number of other weapons. Our losses included the martyrdom of militant Ahmed Amer Barqosi and the injury of two other comrades. On 16th and 17th December our forces attacked the enemy positions at Razzat, and Kubkab where the sniping groups carried out several sniping operations on the enemy forces which operations were successful.

AL-MAMMAR AREA:

In the morning of 16th December, the enemy forces were seen in the north of al-Mammar (Najd). One of our reconnaissance patrols advanced to meet the enemy forces and a fierce battle raged between them during which the enemy suffered five members between killed and wounded. The group withdrew and two of our comrades who were injured and unable to withdraw fell in captivity. They are Comrades Mohammad saeed Gazeel and Ali Saad Asuhufi. On 19th December, the Liberation army forces clashed with the enemy forces at Qardheet (north of Makhseel) when our forces set ambush traps for the enemy forces. The clash continued for four continuous hours which threw the enemy in confusion as a result of the toughness of our fire. The enemy sought the help of bomber aircraft to protect his withdrawal to rear positions. Enemy losses reached sixteen members between killed and wounded. Our losses were the martyrdom of militant Mohammad Ahmed Bakheet (Alu Hamed).

WESTERN REGION (North Sarfeet)

The People's Liberation Army forces in the Western Region continued their daily attacks on the enemy positions and their puppets in North Sarfeet where these attacks reached in four days seventeen attacks (on 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December), during which our forces used mortars, medium and light machineguns and inflicted on the enemy forces heavy losses in life and equipment as well as destroyed large number of defensive positions. They also turned the life of the enemy into hell unbearable by the enemy. The sniping group also launched successful operations on these positions which made the enemy unable to lift his head. At Mudhi, north of the Western Region (Najd) our forces planted two mines (anti-tank mines) which exploded under two Bedford vehicles which were loaded with mercenaries, resulting in their destruction with their occupants.

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ARREST CAMPAIGN COVERS ARENA OF OMAN AND
ARABIAN GULF

Since the beginning of this month the area faces a wide-scale arrest campaign. At the beginning of this month the Kuwaiti authorities arrested a number of citizens of Oman and the Arabian Gulf on the charge of having contacts with the nationalist forces and threw them in prisons. Today they face operations of torture. Only days passed and reports came about the arrest of 52 Omani citizens in Abu Dhabi. They were removed to unknown prisons in the desert and their fate is not known. Today this campaign covers the Sultanate of Oman where the puppet regime arrested a large number of citizens from approximately all areas in the Sultanate where reports said that they include the area of:

Sour, al-Aiga, Assahel, Bilad Soor,

It is to be recalled that the arrest campaign in Soor came following a strike by students there. A big number of students was arrested.

But in Jaalan area the arrests covered a large number of citizens from Kamel, Bilad Bu Hasson, Bani Bu Ali and other Eastern areas.

In Dhofar Region the puppet authority arrested six of Addahariz citizens. Reports said that the army of the puppet authority is carrying out extensive search and patrol operations and in particular in the areas of Soor and Jaalan where patrols came to al-Hassan, al-Ginniyah, Asharga, Sunayslah and Assahel.

In this way the puppet authorities continued their democracy against the innocent citizens by carrying out arrests campaigns.

All national forces in Oman and the Arabian Gulf are asked to work for the suppression of such repressive campaigns and to expose the operations of savage terrorism in the arena.

MESSAGES OF GREETINGS ON NEW YEAR

The Central Executive Committee of the Central Command of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf sent messages of greetings on the occasion of the New Year to the following countries:-

the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the German Democratic Republic, the People's Republic of Mongolia, the People's Republic of Mongolia, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the People's Republic of Romania, the People's Republic of Hungary, the People's Republic of Czechoslovakia, the People's Republic of Poland, the Socialist Republic of Cuba, the Republic of Guinea and the Republic of Yugoslavia.

ABU DHABI:

MONOPOLISTIC COMPANIES SUPERVISE PURCHASE AND SALE
OF OUR OIL
AND PUPPET AUTHORITY HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE PEOPLE'S WEALTH

Agreement was reached between BP and a group of Japanese companies for the purchase of nearly half the share of the British Company in the marine oil field in Abu Dhabi. This will bring the share of the Japanese group (Overseas Oil Corporation) to nearly quarter of the shares of the Abu Dhabi Marine Oil Exploration Co., the French Company is have a quarter, the BP a quarter and the Abu Dhabi Government a quarter. BP sold half its share in order to finance its oil projects in the North Sea and Alaska.

The monopolistic companies dispose off their oil concessions as if they are the real owners and uncontrollable master of oil. Is this wealth the property of the country and whether the companies are only contractors for extracting the oil or are they owning our wealths and dispose it off as they want?

CONFERENCE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLES OF INDO-CHINA
GREET TWO FRONTS - NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF
SOUTH VIETNAM AND PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION
OF OMAN AND ARABIAN GULF

A crowded conference was held during the period 2-3rd December in London for consolidating the struggle of the peoples of Indo-China. During the conference the joint statement issued by the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf was distributed. The conference adopted the following resolution:-

The Conference for Solidarity with the People's of Indo-China which was held in London during the period 2-3 December for escalating continued consolidation for the continued struggle of the peoples of Indo-China in this decisive stage, the conference greets the recent visit made by a delegation from the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam to the liberated areas in Dhofar and upheaves the joint statement issued by the two fronts.

The struggle in Indo-China and the Arabian Gulf constitutes part of the international revolutionary struggle against the common enemy.

The conference seizes this opportunity to express complete solidarity with the revolutionaries in the Arabian Gulf in their struggle against the United States, British imperialism, and Arab and Iranian reaction. Down with Thieu, and down with Thieu of the Arabs Sultan Qaboos and down with the Shah and all Sultans. Victory is for the peoples of Indo-China and the Gulf.

THE ARMED STRUGGLE, IF NOT BACKED BY DIFFERENT FORMS
OF NUMEROUS STRUGGLES CANNOT ACHIEVE VICTORY.

REPLY AND STATE

ARABIAN PENINSULA:

SAUDI ARABIA BUYS MORE SKY MASTER JET PLANES

Saudi Arabia asked to purchase more Sky Master Jet aircraft from the British Aircraft Corporation (B.A.C.). The number of aircraft was not announced in accordance with the request of Saudi Arabia. In addition to the Sky Master planes, which now in use by the Saudi Air Force, will be equipped with electronic and navigational equipment and instruments and other facilities to expand the scope of weapons carried by it. Saudi Arabia is the first country to ask for such Sky Master Planes in the Arab area.

It is worth recalling that the Royal Air Force operating in Oman and the Sultanate's airforce mainly depend on the Sky Master planes. As such the request by Saudi Arabia for more such aircraft came within the framework of the policy to complete the equipment of the reactionary armies in the area and to facilitate the increasing Saudi interference in the war now raging in Dhofar where Saudi Arabia sent a number of fighter planes and helicopters to Dhofar.

ABU DHABI:

INFILTRATORS FROM ALL NATIONALITIES INTO COAST

The police of the so-called Arab Emirates detected a customs boat trying to smuggle infiltrators into the Federation. The Pakistani crew of the boat and the infiltrators were arrested. The police said that they saw the boat last Sunday evening 17.12.72 and chased it throughout the night until it was cordoned. The boat cruised towards the coast and smashed against the rocks. Its occupants were brought down to the shore where they were surrounded and arrested by the police. Increased events of infiltration will be noticed throughout the Arabian Gulf. Moreover, in addition to infiltrators by Iranian reaction, there are Pakistani infiltrators too. Increase of infiltration and competition by countries neighbouring the Gulf comes within the policy to establish the presence and influence of these countries through their communities.

KUWAIT:

IRAN APPOINTS AMBASSADOR FOR IT IN KUWAIT

The Letters of Credence of the Iranian Ambassador to Kuwait Dr. Freddon Zind were presented. The return of the Kuwaiti Ambassador Nasser Mohammad Assabah to Teheran was decided and the exchange of Ambassadors took place after a break which continued six months when Kuwait withdrew the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Teheran and prolonged the acceptance of the letters of credence of the Iranian Ambassador.

It was noticed by observers that the presentation of the letters of credence of the Iranian Ambassador was quickly arranged as the exchange of Ambassadors took place as a result of the visit by (Omer Assaqaf, Saudi Minister for External Affairs) to Teheran which started on 7th December, in order to enable the Ambassador of Iran to take part in consultations now going on between the three countries Iran, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, particularly that part of these consultations is taking part during the visit of

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Sultan (Saudi Defence Minister) to Kuwait. In his speech on the presentation of his credentials the Iranian Ambassador concentrated on the necessity of joint cooperation and sincere consolidation particularly that the area is on the verge of a new stage as he says.

IRAN: ITALY SUPPLIES IRAN WITH HELICOPTERS

The Agence France Presse said that Agosta Company of Italy which manufactures helicopters, concluded an important deal with Iran for the delivery of a consignment of helicopters ranging between 180 and 200 helicopters to Iran. Reports said that clear details on this deal were not given because it is connected with military consignments which it appears include more than 100 jet planes and "Hanowaiter" anti-submarine planes.

It became clear that American imperialism turned Iran into a striking military force serving the American plans for suppressing the Arab and Iranian liberation movement and for protecting the vast American interests topped by oil. As such Iran was actually turned into a military depot still finding the most destructive weapons in order to be reserve supremacy and to reflect the increasing Iranian role. Iran had occupied the Arab islands in the Arabian Gulf and established on them military bases making it control the whole navigational movement in the Arabian Gulf basin and qualifying it to interfere in the area at any time. Moreover recent statements by the Shah revealed that the Iranian borders stretch inside the Indian Ocean. These statements also revealed the serious role bestowed on the Iranian reactionary regime.

KUWAIT:

MILITARY COORDINATION AND COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON ARABIAN GULF QUESTION BETWEEN KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA

A top-level Saudi military delegation headed by the Minister of Defence and Aviation and the Inspector-General of the Army Sultan bin Abdel Aziz arrived in Kuwait accompanied by leaders of the three forces, the intelligence and infantry. Amir Sultan announced that one of the aims of the visit is military coordination between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in fulfillment of the resolutions of the Arab Chiefs of Staffs adopted during their meeting which was held in Cairo recently. All political observers do not suspect that the question of the Arabian Gulf was of the most important questions dealt by the talks as it became clear that the Arab circumstances are now ripe for implementing the American plan pointed out by Rogers during his visit to the Arabian Gulf area in the beginning of July at an invitation from the countries overlooking the Arabian Gulf for cooperating and coordinating between themselves in order to confront the so-called "saboteurs" who are said to be threatening the peace and security of the Gulf. The Kuwaiti officials, faced during these statements, hard embarrassment and expressed resentment over them. According to the Kuwaiti Foreign under-secretary Rashed Arrashid he said: we know our interests than any foreigner does.

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But it appears that the circumstances which called and invited Kuwaiti rejection of Rogers proposals five months ago, have changed and there is no more sensitivity to America's advices and America's presence so long that America will solve the most important Arab issue - the Arab-Israeli dispute. Why then her advices are not taken on sub-issues having stronger link with America as America has vast interests in the Arabian Gulf. As Qaboos announced in his interview with al-Ahram that there is no danger from foreign military presence (American and British) so long that this presence is linked with the interests of these countries which are in turned linked with the present regimes. In spite of the fact that no statements were issued on the outcome of the talks of Sultan with the Kuwaiti officials yet observers do not expect the proclamation of an open pact but there will be military coordination completely between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for confronting the experiment flaring up in the arena and for backing of the puppet regimes in Oman and the Arabian Gulf as well as to coordinate the political efforts with Iran for confronting the national movement in Iran and the Arabian Peninsula and the Soviet-Iraqi alliance. For this reason Iraq's reply in al-Thawra newspaper of 19th December came fierce in its attack against the reactionary Shah-in-Shah regime.

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FROM EAST OF SUEZ TO INDIAN OCEAN STRATEGY

Imperialism and colonialism do not feel pleased to see a real national democratic revolution established in oil-rich areas. Imperialism cannot bow and voluntarily submit to the demands of the sincere and loyal citizens of the country and does not accept such a state of affair in any part of the world and does not submit to any people except by force, violence and arms.

But imperialism does not surrender easily and does not drop the arms simply but fights and fights fiercely with its defeat imminent. Imperialism lays down plans and draws up strategies in order to preserve the situation in its favour and to ensure that nothing is done to harm its influence. During the past fifteen years imperialism laid down a plan known as East Suez Plan emanating from developments which took place in the Arab world at the time, and coincided with the collapse of the British colonialism and the growth of American colonialism in this part of the world. Today a new plan appeared and a new strategy came to birth known as the Indian Ocean Strategy. This strategy is raised under the banner "to safeguard the security and stability in the Gulf" depending upon those calling themselves (Area citizens) and standing in the face of what is called infiltration of foreign forces into the Gulf. The forces of imperialism explained this plan thoroughly well to their local puppets. The Shah then began to speak about protection of the Indian Ocean and that Iran will increase its forces so that they become able to move not only in the Gulf but also in the Indian Ocean.

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Qaboos also speak advising the foreign forces to remain in the Indian Ocean. Saqqaf went to Teheran to form the United Arab front in the Gulf etc.

The citizens of the Gulf and the citizens of the area who move and march raising the slogan stressing the necessity of standing in the face of the foreign forces are only in fact the pampered children of world imperialism and in particular American imperialism. The Shah, Faisal and the puppets of Kuwait and Qatar are the dear and sincere children of American imperialism. As to the fictitious federation, it is the playground in which American and British imperialism play to win control over it. Qaboos is the pet dog of the British. These are the sincere citizens of the Gulf who rise up to fight infiltration of any foreign force with the exception of Britain and American which appear not to be foreign or external powers but local powers in their view.

The nationalist forces and the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf thoroughly know these movements and against whom these strategies are laid down and the plans are drawn up. The first target is the people and the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. The previous imperialist plans did not expect the appearance of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and did not expect the growth of the revolution of 9th June and its toughening. As such when they draw up any plan they work for drawing another and whenever they start to implement a plan they face popular steadfastness and determination.

These plans cannot pass and cannot achieve success so long they came to birth and the revolution came to birth too.

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Total enemy losses in all areas were as follows:-

42 members between killed and wounded, the shooting down of a helicopter, destruction of 27 positions and medium machine-gun, wireless set and an 81-mm artillery as well as two Bedford vehicles with their occupants.

Our losses were the martyrdom of three comrades: Mohammad Amer Salem Tuweib (nick-named Democrat), Ahmed Amer Barqoosi and Mohammad Ahmed Bakheet and the injury of three other comrades. Two injured comrades fell in captivity. They are Comrades Mohammad Saeed Gazail and Comrade Saeed Assuhufi.

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