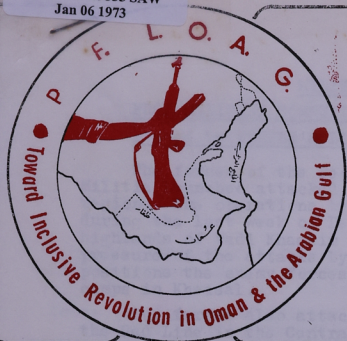


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MILITARY REPORT

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The forces of the People's Liberation Army and People's Militia launched attacks on the enemy positions and camps in the region. The operations by our revolutionaries concentrated during the last week of December, 1972 in enemy centres in the highlands of Wadi Khashim in the Eastern Region. Under the pressure of the attacks by the front's revolutionaries on these positions the enemy forces withdrew from these positions to camps in Kheisal.

Our forces also attacked two enemy centres east of the Red Line in the Central Region. These centres were Ashanheeb and Dhib'at. In the Western Region the Liberation Army forces stationed at Sarfeet launched a number of attacks on the enemy forces in North Sarfeet. Our ground defences also hit an enemy fighter plane which was seen falling on the desert direction ablaze.

The following are details of these operations:-

EASTERN REGION - (Wadi Khashim Highlands)

During the period between 20th and 22nd December, 1972, our forces launched seven attacks on these positions summarised as follows:-

On 20th December, 1972, our forces launched four successive attacks during this day on the enemy positions in Wadi Khashim. Our patriots used during these successful attacks mortars and machine-guns. The sniping group also carried out successful sniping operations on these positions. As a result of these operations the enemy suffered heavy losses in life and equipment. Our losses included the martyrdom of militant Comrade Saeed Salem Anconat.

On 21st December, a group of our forces launched an attack with light and medium machine-guns on these positions. The enemy lost as a result of this operation some of his members.

On 22nd December, 1972, at 4.00 p.m. our forces attacked these positions from all directions using in their attack mortars. The attack continued for one hour. Our forces attack was fierce and our scores were direct on the gathering depots of the British enemy forces and their stooges. This made the enemy to retreat to the rear escaping our artillery fire. Our forces also set ambush traps on the retreating course of the enemy who fell in these planned ambushes and was surprised by heavy fire from our forces. The enemy fled to his camps in Kheisal carrying with him eight members between killed and wounded. A wireless set was also destroyed. From our side there were no casualties.

CENTRAL REGION:

At noon on 24.12.72 the forces of the People's Liberation Army launched a machine-gun attack on the colonialist and reactionary enemy at Ashanheeb (Beit Fayah).

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As a result of this attack the enemy lost heavily. Later another group from our forces launched another attack during which they used artillery to shell enemy positions at Dhibdout (Beit Fayah). During the attack three enemy positions were destroyed and a number of his members were injured. From our side there were no casualties.

WESTERN REGION (NORTH SARFEET):

Our forces stationed at Sarfeet launched during 26th, 27th and 28th December, 1972, successful attacks on the enemy positions in North Sarfeet which are summarised as follows:-

On 26th December, at ten in the morning the artillery group launched a strong artillery attack on these positions for one and a quarter hours resulting in the destruction of three positions and silencing of an artillery post. On 27th December, our forces launched an artillery attack. Another group of our forces was watching the enemy airstrip at these positions when a troop transport plane arrived and while trying to land it was fired upon by our artillery. The plane was not able to land and so escaped. The enemy sought the help of the fighter plane which came to bomb the neighbouring areas. Our ground defences intercepted them and this resulted in one of the planes being hit and was seen proceeding to the desert direction ablaze. Soon after this our forces repeated artillery shelling on these positions destroying a number of enemy defensive positions and hitting some of his members. Our forces returned safely to base. On 28th December our sniping group sniped the enemy at those positions. The sniping continued from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and resulted in the injury of three enemy members. Total enemy losses were as follows:-

Death and injury of 27 enemy members,
Hitting of a fighter plane which was seen proceeding to the direction of the desert ablaze.
Destruction of fourteen positions and an 81-mm artillery and two wireless set and a watch post.

Our losses included the martyrdom of comrade militant Saeed Salem Anonat.

THE REALITY OF IRANIAN-ISRAELI ALLIANCE

Assiyad newspaper published in its last issue of 28.12.72 a report on the Iranian-Israeli alliance as one of the British newspaper close to the British Foreign Office admitted: "It is possible to call the strange friendship between Israel and Iran as alliance" since Israel furnished without hesitation the Chief of Staff of the Iranian army with the secrets of the war of June, 1967 in fulfilment of Iran's desire to know war experiences against the Arabs. As to the scope of Iranian-Israeli military cooperation, joint exercises are being held for the Israelis and Iranians on the use of American military equipment and exchange of expertise is taking place in a permanent manner between the Israeli and Iranian sides. We quote in this connection that Iranian officers, who took part in the blockade of Sana at the beginning of 1968, were sent to Israel for military training. It is no more secret that Israel exchanges information on the military situation in Iraq. At the economic level in addition to the Israeli companies staticed in Iran, statistics reveal that Israeli exports to Iran increase annually

Later during

NORTH OMAN

EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION BETWEEN IRAN AND THE SO-CALLED STATE OF FEDERATION

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf - North Oman Region - issued an important political statement over the diplomatic representation between Iran and the puppet State of the Federation in which it condemned such betraying stand by the Federation of Sheikhs and explained the shameful forfeitures which cupled this step.

The masses expressed their wrath and strong indignation against this stand which completely ignored the extensive protests and demonstrations witnessed by the coast in the past month on the first anniversary of the occupation of islands. Roudy demonstrations came out at Ras al-Khaimah and other towns in North Oman on 28th December where the masses chanted for the fall of the federation of the sheikhs and declared resentment over the exchange of diplomatic representation at extra-ordinary level with Iran.

RAS AL-KHAIMAH:

SAUDI ARABIA SENDS MILITARY MISSION TO RAS AL-KHAIMAH

The care of the colonialist circles for the federation of sheikhs increased after the massive attitude during the first anniversary of the federation of sheikhs. Saudi Arabia sent a military mission to Ras al-Khaimah after the demonstrations by two days where its distributed this mission amongst the intelligence machineries and other police circles. The federation of sheikhs also expressed increasing attention for Ras al-Khaimah and sent increasing numbers from its divisions to be stationed in that area.

OMAN:

AMERICAN MILITARY TEAM VISITS OMAN

The Palestine News Agency (WAFFA) reported that an American military team paid a visit in the first week of last month to Jordan. The agency added that well-informed Arab sources reported that the assignments shouldered by the American military delegation include some connected with the American-Iranian plans being implemented in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

On the other hand the Kuwaiti Assiyasah newspaper said that new Saudi-American aid was extended to Jordan and the Jordanian government received the sum of eight million Jordanian dinars from Saudi reaction and ten millions from American imperialism.

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NORTH OMAN:

FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL DETAINEES
IN NORTH OMAN

The colonialist authorities in Abu Dhabi arrested merchant Mohammad al-Imran from Sharjah last week bringing the number of detainees to 45 from all territories in Oman.

The Jordanian and British intelligence are launching a wide-scale arrest campaign amidst the citizens in Abu Dhabi who face different types of barbaric torture in underground prisons.

It is to be recalled that the number of detainees in Abu Dhabi is increasing as their number reached more than 60 detainees since the start of 1972.

In spite of the passage of nearly one year on the arrest of citizens after the abortive attempt which was made by Saqr al-Qassemi in the beginning of 1972, the detainees still face barbaric torture at the hands of the Jordanian intelligence. This resulted in the death of one of the detainees.

The Federation of Arab Lawyers expressed the desire to get acquainted with the conditions of the detainees in Abu Dhabi in the middle of 1972 but the authorities in Abu Dhabi, in a bid to win the public opinion, openly expressed their preparedness to allow the entry of a delegation but later rejected its entry as the detainees are still without trial.

The wide-scale arrests and the way how they were carried out by the Jordanian intelligence in Abu Dhabi as well as the methods of barbaric torture which start with hard beating and different types of electrical torture and non-forwardance of the detainees to any just trial, is an open and flagrant violation of human rights and the simplest international laws. We ask the Federation of Arab Lawyers and national and democratic organisations in the Arab homeland and in the world to exercise their role in bearing pressure on the colonialist authorities in Abu Dhabi to save the detainees from the fate found by Abdul Aziz bin Hamid who died as a result of torture.

We ask these democratic organisations to resent such flagrant violations of human rights which are being defaced by the local authorities under a stream of false propaganda about freedom and democracy in North Oman.

The despatch of a delegation from the Federation of Arab Lawyers conforms with the resolutions of the periodical conferences of the Federation in the defence of freedoms in the Arab homeland.

DHOFAR

QABOC SITE AUTHORITIES ARREST A CITIZEN
WITHOUT REASONS

This incident took place on 16th December in the rurals of Dhofar where one of the citizens, called Masood Naseeb Khedhroon wanted to come down from the rural to the urban areas in order to buy some requisites. When he arrived at the

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at the entrance of the gates which separates the rural areas from Sallalah, he found Qaboos who was on his way to Sallalah airport and so seized the opportunity and asked him to realise simple demands specified as follows:-

- 1) To allow the citizens to leave and enter through the gates so that the rural citizen can see his family members and contact them so long that the matter is not connected with any political issues.
- 2) To allow the citizens in the rural areas to move foodstuffs from the urban to the rural areas.

Puppet Qaboos asked him are you with the revolution or with the government. The citizen replied by saying: I have no political links with the government or the revolution and that my birth place is the rurals and I live with the masses as a citizen not linked with any party.

After an operation of interrogation and a series of inquiries faced by the citizen from the Sultan he was arrested and his fate was unknown upto now.

PEOPLE'S FRONT SHARES PALESTINE REVOLUTION
ITS EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf shared in the celebrations called by the Palestinian National Liberation Movement "Fateh" to mark the eighth anniversary of the launching of the Palestinian revolution.

The representative of the front delivered a speech on the occasion in which he greeted the fighters and said that: such an anniversary is very important and dear to the hearts of those who hold the arms to face the imperialists and their puppets. It is also dear to the hearts of our Palestinian and Arab masses because it represents the course of the armed struggle the course which always represented the ambitions and desire of the masses since the setback of 1948.

The representative of the front affirmed by saying that the ignition of the armed struggle is the real expression and reply by the Palestinian masses to the setback, trusteeship and the cowardice and different policies which aim at burying the Palestinian issue. On the importance of the militant front, he affirmed that the popular liberation war through the mobilisation and organisation of the Palestinian masses in one combative front are the real and basic replies to the defeat and the whole liquidatory and submissive plans.

In conclusion he said that the strong cohesion between the revolution in the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and the Palestine revolution is one of the tasks on which real efforts must be concentrated in order to realise.

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

METHODS OF TERROR WILL NOT SUCCEED IN STOPPING OUR PEOPLE FROM CONTINUING THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION AND RE-UNIFICATION OF THE HOMELAND.

The puppet authorities in Abu Dhabi arrested 52 Omani citizens and threw them in the darkness of prisons not having their locations known by any one. The groups of Jordanian officers in Abu Dhabi completely refused even to inform the relatives of the detainees where their sons are.

In the Sultanate of Oman, they continued their savage torture against the detainees in Kot al-Gallali prisons. In Dhofar Region some of the detainees are imprisoned since more than two years without trial and Jordanian reactionary officers exercise every brutal and savage methods of torture against the detainees in a terroristic bid to end the mass movement which astonished the sheikhs of the so-called Federation of Amirates. Several days ago the puppet authorities in Sallalah arrested an ordinary citizen in the Central Region for nothing but because he asked Qaboos to eradicate the fences struck around Sallalah. All this is coupled with a heavy and increasing military campaign on the liberated areas of Dhofar Region. Why all these terroristic operations and why all these criminal behaviour.

The puppets all over the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf were always and during the past years firmly believing that by granting independence to Bahrain, Qatar, and the Federation of Amirates and by changing Sultan Saeed by the "enlightened Sultan Qaboos", they were able to end the whole national massive movement in the area and to terminate the entire blazing and flamboyant revolutionary situation. Many of the newspapers beat the drums that peace and stability will exist in the area shortly and that a comfortable atmosphere will prevail in the area for the foreign monopolies and investments.

As to Iran, it prepared for itself armies and equipments and occupied dear parts of Oman. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait also moved with all reactionaries in the area to re-arrange the total situation. But in spite of all this, the people imposed themselves and in spite of all this the masses moved in several areas to impose their will. Naturally the blazing daily and direct confrontation was the confrontation in the southern region where the masses express their will through the bullets, grenades and rocks. In other areas the masses also moved. In Soor, in Muscat, in Ras al-Khaimah and in Bahrain the massive movement and the revolutionary situation were escalating and the people are in constant move and in spite of the difficulties and the fact that the potentialities of the masses were limited the voice of the people and the voice of the revolution was clear, strong and loud not in the region only but in many regions. In spite of all this and in spite of the victories which were realised by the masses, the people and revolution know exactly that the road is long and we are still in the beginning and the tasks are strenuous and the sacrifices will be great. All this is tolerable for realising the cherished of the masses and objectives of the revolution for liberation and re-unification of the homeland.

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The imperialists, naturally, escalate and will escalate their plotting and one look to the American personalities which visited the area, we can know the aims of America:-

Since the coup of Qaboos, American delegations did not stop coming to the area. Shakespeare, official of the American Central Intelligence Agency, paid a visit to Muscat one year and a half ago and Robert Anderson, former American Finance Minister, was appointed adviser to Qaboos and later was appointed Assistant Director of the American Deputy Defence Secretary for Conventional Affairs in the Arabian Gulf. The visits of Rogers, Fulbright and Henry Jackson and then the appointment of Hilmaz, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, as Ambassador in Teheran. All these personalities visited the arena carrying with them the more terroristic American repressive tools proving the blazing situations in the area and the increase of American imperialist anxiety over the vast interests in the area.

Our people are edetermined to continue thair path raising the rifle and caring the less for the obstacles that will stand on their way and the terroristic acts as they outlined for themselves the correct path; the path of the revolution, and the path of the liberation and re-unification of the home and undeterred by anything.

ADEN: ANNOUNCEMENT ON IRANIAN AGGRESSIONS ON IRAQ

The representative of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf in Aden made the following statement to the correspondent of Iraq News Agency: "Reports came yesterday about the death of two Iraqi soldiers and injury of four others as a result of criminal attacks carried out by the forces of the Iranian State on the borders of the Iraqi republic. Reports also came that the clashes continued upto this morning. The imperialists and reactionaries in the sea entrusted to the Iranian State and the puppet Shah the task of protecting their vast interests in this important area of the Arab homeland. So he is streaking with his forces to any area where the oil interests of imperialism are threatened, any area where the masses moved to topple down the sultanic and sheikh regimes, which are the staunches of colonialism in the area. The Iranian forces in their bid to protect the interests of imperialism in the area are also trying to expand and cut parts of the Arab territory for several years in the past in fulfilment of the expansionist greeds of the Iranian State. These recent Iranian movements were revealed after the great blow directed to imperialism through the nationalisation of the Iraqi oil company. Since then the Iranian State is trying to suppress the procession of our people in Iraq to realise control over their oil wealths including their national interests. But our masses in Iraq are capable of apprehending and deterring the forces of the puppet Shah and check them off.

At a time in which our Iraqi patriots incur martyrdoms on the borders, our patriots are martyrised daily in the Region of Dhofar by bullets, and Iranian grenades supplied by the Iranian government to the puppet Qaboos and at a time

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in which Iran is toughening its presence all over the Iraqi borders and sends the Iranian forces, planes and other equipment in order to fight the revolutionaries of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. The Iranian State spread its forces over the Iraqi borders and carry out provocations and aggressions continuously against the dear Iraqi soil which is dear to all hearts of the Arab masses. The Savac is increasing in North Oman and at the same time occupies Omani islands the last of which was the al-Ghanam island. All this is taking place under request from the puppets of imperialism in the Sultanate of Oman and other sheikhdoms. The agreement which was recently concluded with Qaboos and the exchange of diplomatic representation between Zaid and the Shaha and the agreements of the so-called establishment of the united front in the Gulf are only clear proofs of the agreement of the Iranian reactionaries with the sheikhs and sultans.

Our Arab masses in Iraq and the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf today face fierce and shameless Iranian attack but the unity of the two peoples and their joint stand can check off the Iranian aggressors.

We declare our solidarity with sister Iraq in standing in the face of the Iranian aggressions and extend our warm tributes to the patriots standing on the frontlines. We also pay homage to our dear martyrs.

WHY AMERICA IS EAGER TO ARM IRAN?

Assiyad magazine published in its last issue an article in which it pointed the reason why America arms Iran in this hysterical manner. It said that the growth of the Arab national liberation movement and its promotion to the level of direct clash with the American presence in the area and the appearance of the possibilities of actual danger to its several-sided interests and the appearance of the importance of the Arabian Gulf as an exist for the Indian Ocean and a huge oil tank, all this made American imperialism endeavour to make Iran shift from a backward feudalist society into a capitalist society to protect its interests (American imperialism) in it and in the neighbouring area - the Arabian Gulf. For this the United States started to work for developing the Iranian military power and earmarked for the Iranian State since 1967 thirty per cent of its budget to implement military programmes. The British Financial Times commented by saying: the greating position of Iran made it materially and morally prepared to shoulder the prominent military role in the Middle East and the Arabian Gulf." For this reason Iran obtained Phantom planes from America and modern British tanks. Military reinforcement of Iran also took place in the air, land and sea as last week an American deal was announced to Iran consisting of 500 helicopters. In this way and openly the American officials announce their aims behind arming Iran. They said that the aim behind the vast military build-up is to fill the vacuum in the Gulf area and to confront the Arab revolutionary movements in that strategic area which turns up the biggest part of oil on which America, Europe and Japan depend.