

POLITICAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE SECOND GENERAL NATIONAL
CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF
OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF (PFLOAG)

In a general congress convened by PFLOAG, the political situation and developments in the area of Oman and the Arab Gulf, the intensive imperialist struggle for its control and the great national danger posed by the Iranian occupation to present and future of our people and to the national identity of our homeland, were discussed.

The congress discussed in details the progress of the national work of the previous phase. It evaluated the achievements which were realized in grouping all the patriotic forces to confront the imperialist and reactionary plans and the programmes, tactics and the new relations between all the sections of the national work which are demanded by present situation in this critical stage of the history of our people.

The congress discussed at length the political changes. The declaration of the British withdrawal in 1968 formed the beginning of the big change in the imperialists' plans to confront the growing national movement and to strengthen their grip by new means over our homeland and our people. The announcement of the British withdrawal revealed the bankruptcy of old colonialism in the face of the huge economics and social changes and developments which are becoming deep-rooted in society and its class structure. This was accompanied by the spread of revolutionary ideas, the increased hostility to British imperialism and their stooges: the tribal families and, the emergence of the great revolution of June 9 which held high the banner of liquidating British imperialism and its lackeys and the establishment of a national democratic regime in this region.

The announcement of the British withdrawal did not come in isolation to the increasing US greed for a complete control over the oil wealth and its huge revenues and the strategic position of our homeland. Neither was it in isolation to all the new changes of the strategic plans of US imperialist circles to face the growing revolutionary movement and to make up for their defeats in numerous parts of the world.

The new imperialist plan is based on the creation of regional suppressive forces. These forces are assigned the suppressive role, previously played by the British imperialists. These regional suppressive forces are called in whenever all the local suppressive forces of the small structures, which are being formed rapidly by imperialist circles, fail to achieve any success against the revolutionary movement or whenever imperialist interests are threatened.

The most outstanding part of the new imperialist plan is the consolidation of small landownership and the modernization of the tribal regimes. This is done by introducing some industrial and management reforms, granting these regimes phoney independence and presenting them as independent sovereign states to the Arab and international circles. It is well known that these structures revolve with the wheel of the two regional reactionary pillars of US imperialism who protect the latter's oil and strategic interests. Many of the vital and important issues concerning these structures are being decided in Tehran and Riyadh.

The imperialist stand against the unity of our people, bargain over weakening it and over paralyzing our peoples' capabilities. This is done by dividing our people into small-state structure always under the thumb of the imperialists, unable to confront the expansionist greed of the Iranian throne, so that the feudalists, the traitors and the foreign monopolies keep their vice-like grip over the destiny of our people.

The imperialists showed increasing importance to the Sultanate of Oman. They did not find a better way to hinder the revolution, to hide the reality of their presence there and their actual control over the situation than the British coup which brought Qabus as a facade for the incorporation of Oman into the new imperialist policy in the region.

Following this, all imperialist plans met in the 'pacification' programme to dilute the revolutionary situation in Oman, to absorb people's discontent, to isolate the revolution from the masses and to cover the imperialist presence by the manoeuvre of local stooge faces. Construction companies flowed into Oman. The latter widely opened its doors to the rascals and swindlers of oil and other capitalistic monopolies which found its opportunity to accumulate wealth by robbing the money of the people.

This is performed in the midst of the noisy mass propaganda media, unparalleled before in Oman's history, portraying the patriotism of the regime and its projects and calling upon the people to benefit from the tit-bits of the monopolies and beneficiaries.

While the imperialists and their servants in Muscat talk of reform programmes and promise the masses with more services their suppressive apparatus increased in intensity and savagery. Oman has opened its doors to increasing waves of executioners of the Jordanian regime, the British officers and advisors and to an increased support to the British and American bases in Masierah and Sallalah. Hundreds of mercenaries of all nationalities have been received in Oman to create a local suppressive force capable of hitting any popular movement and capable of standing in the face of the great revolution waged in Dhofar.

But, the programmes of 'pacification' and other phoney acts did not hide the fact of the British presence and the nature of relations between the Al-Busaaidi regime and Britain. All slogans of fighting communism, preserving the Islamic religion and other false banners did not help the stooge regime. These slogans failed to deceive the masses of workers, peasants, shepherds and other sections of the people. The masses have well tested and experienced the Al-Busaaid family and have known well the British means in confronting the national movement. Thus, many of the programmes and plans which were aimed at strengthening the stooge regime and painting it with patriotism and distorting the armed revolution and its objectives, have consecutively failed. Qabus and his clique were uncovered before the masses as stooges to US and British imperialism and traitors to the people and the homeland.

The imperialists in Oman have employed all the ideological and political weapons which they used in Viet Nam in an attempt to withdraw the masses from the revolution and to tie the people and their political and social forces with the stooge regime through briberies, phoney councils, tribal groupings and the use of religion to serve their aims and false propaganda. They have made use of the practical experience gained by Jordan and the Emirates. The efforts of all the reactionaries united to strengthen Qabus and his clique and to protect them from the wrath of the Omani people.

The British and their servants in Muscat have escalated the war of annihilation against the militant masses in the southern region. They have waged continuous military campaigns which every time resulted in a more bitter failure than the previous one.

This is because of the iran determination and steadfastness of our people, the people's liberation army and the people's militia.

The failure of the regime and its masters and the heroic determination of our people in the southern region led the Americans -- after the October War -- to give the signal to the Shah of Iran to interfere militarily against the revolution. The target was to achieve swift military victory for the stooge regime to extend its control over the liberated areas. The Shah of Iran found his golden opportunity to extend his empire by incorporating more Omani land into his kingdom.

Thus, Britain invited the partnership of Iran in occupying the Omani soil just as before it offered Iran the three Omani islands and just as it displayed silence on many occasions of Irani occupation to other Omani islands in the Gulf. This latest crime has come to prove practically the strong ties between the imperialists and the reactionaries in Muscat and Tehran. The Iranian army sent 11,000 soldiers of its forces to invade Oman. A big part of this invading forces landed in the towns of the southern region in the Red Sea of the liberated areas of the region.

The congress discussed at length the Iranian military aggression and its timing. The close ties between this military attack, to liquidate the armed revolution in Oman, and the large US attack following the national war of October, was completely clear. The Arab armies and the Palestinian resistance scored political and military victories which made US imperialists realize the extent of losses which they have suffered. Therefore, a quick intervention was necessary to restore their position and to eradicate all the positive results of the patriotic war.

The US imperialists worked out their new plan to liquidate all the revolutionary forces, to bring the downfall of all progressive and national regimes, to bring to submission the Arab national liberation movement to give abortion to all political and economic achievements which the Arab masses had realized through the last 20 years. The US has mobilized all its capabilities, drafted all its reactionary and zionist allies and assigned the Iranian throne an outstanding role in this plan.

Iran has declared its absolute readiness to implement its role through military aggression, continued sabotage ^{its} ₃₂ ^{Barry} against the regime in Iraq and sent its army to occupy the Omani lands. In addition, Iran supported a number of the Arab regimes encouraging their capitulating tendencies and their policies of throwing themselves into the laps of US imperialism. Iran does this through

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loans and shady help to sabotage any Arab stand condemning its expansionist policy and the American plan in the Arab regime. The Iranian army did not score any remarkable victory; on the contrary it raised the national feeling of all the patriotic and national forces and all the peace and freedom loving forces. Consequently, US imperialism planned to indulge more of the Arab reactionary regimes. in the aggressive war against our people. False Arab shouts began to be heard justifying the invitation of Qabus to the Iranian invaders and British occupiers. These Arab forces put themselves as the alternate for the foreign armies in suppressing our people and crushing our national movement.

We detain every Arab regime standing by the side of Qabus and the Iranian invasion. We detain every Arab regime presenting military assistance under any excuse to Qabus. We consider this a high national treason and acting as accomplice to Iranian and British invaders and occupiers. We ask all the patriotic and progressive forces and the Arab masses to strip these treacherous stands and to stand clearly by the side of our people and their just revolution. We see it the duty of all Arab countries which call for preservation of the Arab national character of Oman and the Arab Gulf, to stand by the side of the Omani revolution, to condemn the Iranian invasion and the Qabusian treason and to give all help to our people and their just struggle.

The Iranian invasion has buried the 'pacification plans' and created instead new and extremely dangerous conditions. For, it clearly revealed to our people, our Arab nation and the whole world, the Shah of Iran's greed in our nation and his filthy role in the US plan. It also showed to our people and the Arab nation the great threat to peace in this area caused by the massive arm build-up in Iran.

Qabus and his British masters placed the whole of the Arabian Gulf region and its destiny in a very dangerous position by allowing Shah's US-equipped forces to cross the Humuz Strait and declare its occupation of Omani territories and its subjection to the Iranian throne openly before the Omani people. It has become vital that the patriotic forces should face this situation and revise all its past programmes and tactics in order to put forward the programmes and tactics necessary to amass all the patriotic forces, groups and elements for a united defence of the Omani soil, in the face of the dangers of Iranian expansion and imperialist plots in the area.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and Arabian Gulf, its bases and leadership in all the regions, confronted this dangerous situation, all the political developments witnessed in the Arabian Gulf region and the different tasks and stage programmes required for the struggle in each region. They have understood that the present situation requires the mobilization of all the patriotic and national capabilities and the reduction of secondary contradictions to face and defeat the Iranian invaders and bring down the stooge regime in " Sultanate of Oman".

The congress confronted the whole of the previous conditions and the correct results of the comprehensive discussions amongst the ranks of the bases and leadership resulted in the following resolutions:-

- 1) Organizational independence for the organisations of PFLOAG in the political entities in the area, and the right to form its regional policies and programmes as required by the regional political conditions,
- 2) organizing the branches of PFLOAG existing in the regions of Oman into the framework of an independent national organization under the name of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman,
- 3) establish the National Work Programme and Constitution of the Peoples Front for the Liberation of Oman,
- 4) elect a central command for the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman.

The organizational independence is a task dictated by the nature of the present conditions in order to:-

- mobilize all the Omani and Arab capabilities to face the Iranian invasion and British presence,
- to bring closer the hour of national salvation to this valuable part of our nation,
- to be capable of putting forward policies and programmes in the other regions suited to the development of conditions there, and
- to be able as a whole to serve the strategic aims of our people in all the area and stand in the face of the enemies.

Although this is necessary in this stage, we reiterate at the same time that our absolute conviction in the unity of the areas and the necessity of uniting all its national forces is a

strategic matter not only dictated by the present and future confrontation with the local, imperialistic and expansionist Iranian enemy but also by the rapid social and economic development which pushes towards political unity despite the big obstructions laid by the rulers of the Emirates to consolidate disunity and despite the stumbling stones laid by the imperialists and other reactionary regimes to hold on to its interests. Therefore, the national forces in Oman and Arabian Gulf areas are called upon to take into consideration the historical path of development and to take the highest forms of support and unity amongst themselves and create organizational structures capable of consolidating its abilities to face the dangers surrounding them and holding on to the gains achieved during its long struggle against the imperialists and reactionaries.

At this crucial moment, the congress stands in glory of the great heroism of the people of Oman and the Arabian Gulf in its confrontation against the plans of the imperialists and traitors. It salutes the heroic endurance of our people in the southern region of Oman in the face of the British and Iranian raids, the continuous military expeditions, the economic blockade, the psychological warfare and the cheap incitements of the stooge regime aimed at bribing our people and diverting it from the revolution. The congress hails the great victories of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia over the British and Iranian enemies and the mercenaries enemies. It pledges the martyrs to march forward to achieve the noble national aims for which they gave their lives. It hails the steadfastness of the struggling prisoners despite the various methods of terror and barbaric torture.

The congress salutes the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and hails its heroic and principled stands to the side of our revolution in the face of the imperialistic and expansionist Iranian plans. It expresses its deep appraisal of the great achievements of the Yemeni people of workers, peasants and fishermen through the popular uprisings and people's institutions in defence of the revolution and in holding on to its gains. It declares its absolute stand to the side of the Yemeni revolution and its heroic people to struggle together to preserve this Republic as a thorn in the body of imperialists and reactionaries, and a strong-hold of the Arab revolution and to work together to defeat all the dreams of the imperialists and expansionist Iranian regime.

--- The congress salutes all the nationalist and democratic forces in Northern Yemen and the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia) and reiterates its conviction in the necessity of uniting the forces of revolution in the Arabian Peninsula to face the wide US attack on this Peninsula of oil which utilizes the reactionary Saudis and traitors as tools to implement its policies of subjugation and as guards to protect its interests and its ugly looting of the nation's wealth from our deprived people.

--- The congress salutes all the brotherly nationalist Arab States which stood to the side of our people's just struggle and its revolution against British occupation and Iranian invasion. It calls upon them to increase their support and assistance to the revolution and to stand with greater firmness against the stooge Qabus regime.

--- The congress salutes all the national and democratic organisations and personalities inside and outside the Arab nation who denounced the Iranian invasion and the continued British occupation and stood beside the struggle of our people and its armed revolution.

--- The congress salutes the stands of the friendly socialist states towards our just struggle against imperialism and Iranian expansionism. It evaluates the assistance presented to our people and its armed revolution aimed at strengthening its capabilities in facing the enemies of freedom and peace.

--- The congress salutes the heroic struggle waged by the Palestinian people under the leadership of its fighting forces to regain the whole of Palestinian land. It denounces all the plans of the US, the Zionists and the reactionaries to liquidate the Palestinian revolution and consolidate the Zionist entity. It once again asserts the strong ties between the Qatani and Palestinian revolutions and the necessity of developing the relations in order to stand in the face of the US attack aimed at all the Arab revolutionary forces and its armed vanguards.

--- The congress salutes all the national and democratic Arab forces and asserts the historical necessity of uniting all the Arab revolutionary forces in these moments when there is an intensification of the US attack, capitulationist trends and falling into the arms of the imperialists. The congress sees in a progressive Arab front the correct solution for consolidating all the revolutionaries to stand in the face of the enemies of the Arab revolution.

--- The congress salutes the heroic struggle waged by the people of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos against US imperialism and its continued violation of the Paris Agreements and against the stooge cliques in their nations. It announces its full support of the people of Indo-China.

--- The congress salutes the heroic struggle waged by the people of Eritrea, Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands and the African people suffering under the racist regimes in Rhodesia and South Africa. It expresses its absolute stand beside this just struggle for liberation and complete independence.

--- The congress salutes all the national liberation movements in the three continents and the anti-imperialist progressive and socialist forces in the capitalist countries struggling for a better tomorrow for all of mankind.

LONG LIVE THE GLORIOUS JUNE 9 REVOLUTION .

LONG LIVE THE SECOND NATIONAL CONGRESS.

GLORY TO OUR GREAT MARTYRS.

DEFEAT TO THE IMPERIALISTS AND IRANIAN INVADERS.

FREEDOM AND DIGNITY TO THE PEOPLE AND THE NATION.

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