

In the name of God,

Mr. Speaker,

Brother Citizens, Members of the National Assembly,

I deemed it my duty towards our people in Egypt whom you represent, and towards our Arab nation in whose struggle our people here in Egypt represent the vanguard, to come to your august Assembly to talk to you about what I know, and you know, as being the question of our sacred struggle and the action undertaken by us in this connection, as well as our responsibility towards it from now on. This is because I believe that the whole truth equates with full responsibility, and since the responsibility is being borne by the whole nation, it has therefore the indisputable right to the whole truth.

It is for this reason that I ask your permission to summarize before you all the facts related to our position today. I do not do this just to recall what has taken place, but I do it so that we may all remember, reassure ourselves and feel confident in the accuracy of our calculations and the decisions which we base upon these calculations.

Brothers,

In my statement to you now I shall divide my speech into three parts so as to draw before you a complete and clear picture. The first part will deal with our basic commitments in a cause which represents to us the most honourable cause because it is the most just one. The second part will deal with our continual action, by all means, in order to protect our basic commitments since we have borne the responsibility for them until now. The third part will deal with our conception of the forth-coming steps as imposed upon us by the values which we represent and the principles in which we believe.

**First :** Our basic commitment : Brethren, we will not deny before ourselves nor before others, that our nation faced a serious setback on June 5, 1967.

We lost a battle and had the honour and courage to face the setback and also face the others with the reality. We did not deceive or delude, we refused to bury our heads in the sand like ostriches, or pretend that the arrow directed against us did not wound or cause pain.

We admitted that we lost a battle, but at the same time we have shown, out of conviction, that we did not lose the war. This was not

