

**MESSAGE**

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and Applied Professions.**

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In the name of God,

Brothers and sons; Members of the Trade Union of Technical  
and Applied Professions,

I made it a point to meet you today through my message, this  
as part of my homage to every mind and hand taking part in  
consolidating the production, and every effort exerted for the sake  
of the progress and the prosperity of the sons of this country.

I have met with you on this same day last year through my  
message to you sharing your joy in the establishment of your  
trade union, because I believe that the trade union organisations  
have always been a school and a bastion of democracy.

Today, I am meeting you after you have become conscious  
of your path which you have followed with steady steps. Thus,  
this conference came as an embodiment of your unity and an ex-  
pression of actual democratic practice.

Today, our country is living a period which is different from  
the past after having transcended the challenges of defeat and

aggression, thanks to the victory of Ramadan or the great October, achieved by the sons of this nation, and the results and dimensions achieved by this victory on both internal and external levels.

Brothers and Sisters;

Our country, with all its units and public services, has suffered much as a result of the reserves, riches and efforts we gave for the sake of liberating our land and defending our Arab nation.

Thus, we have to go ahead in order to make up for what we missed, to rebuild our country and to remove suffering.

The path is open for us to build the society of freedom, progress and prosperity. This will not be realised except through the consciousness, the sweat and the efforts of the sons of this country, also through wise exploitation of human and material resources owned by the great people of Egypt.

You all realise that those who could achieve victory in the military battle, are capable, God willing, of achieving it in the battle of rebuilding and reconstruction.

On this occasion, as we are looking forward to a bright future, I want to tell you about my conception of your role at this stage.

First : The responsibility of rebuilding the country lies on all the national forces in the executive, political and popular bodies. It needs the participation of all of us through close cooperation among all the institutions of the State.

Second : You have to assume great responsibilities in carrying out the plans of economic and social development, so that we might keep pace with the achievements of the age, with civilisation and progress. This is our responsibility towards ourselves in the present, and towards our future generations.

Third : After the war we started building our economy from scratch. We have transcended the period of danger. However, by its very nature, economic development does not occur all of a sudden. We are advancing steadily and successfully, and, God willing, we will transcend the difficult stage and will go ahead towards a society of progress, development and prosperity.

Fourth : Whatever investments we let in our country, Egypt's real richness is in the power of her sons. In building our country, we must rely on our minds and arms above everything else.

Fifth : Increasing the production and making it available and good, is the decisive factor in overcoming the sufferings of the Egyptian people. Everyone in his position, is responsible for achieving this target, but to assume a negative attitude, relying on the collective efforts, is an unforgivable mistake towards the country and the people. Duty is not the responsibility of administration alone, it is the responsibility of all of you in your different positions.

Brothers and Sisters;

You have always been participating in the events and victories of your nation, and you took part in shaping them. Unions and trade unions should occupy their position and assume their responsibilities at the stage of constructing our society.

Let us go forwards towards the realisation of our hopes in progress and prosperity with determination, sincerity, faith, work, hope and faith in God, in ourselves and in our nation. «Say, work for God, his prophet and the believers will witness your work.»

May God's mercy and peace be upon you.