

**S P E E C H**  
by  
**PRESIDENT ANWAR EL SADAT**  
at the  
banquet given in his honour  
by the  
Prime Minister of Bavaria

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I would like, first, to express my sincere thanks for your  
speech, and to express the happiness and gratitude of myself, my  
family and the members of the accompanying delegation, for your  
unheated and cordial reception.

It is a source of pleasure for me to be given the opportunity to  
visit Munich crossing Wurtemberg and Bavaria, by train, and to  
see as far as the eye can see, the beauty of nature and vitality  
of the people.

Your great city, Munich, last January, hosted the Exhibition  
of the Prophet, leader of the first human and social revolution known  
to mankind . . . Beside my general knowledge of Bavaria, I was  
deeply moved by this crushing crowd of your sons who visited the  
Exhibition, and the attention paid to it by the German  
authorities and mass media. Certainly by this you are honouring

human civilisation, and such a celebration can only emanate from a people who worship culture and love knowledge.

Long ago, Germany hosted Nefertiti, wife of Akhnaton and since then she has been in Berlin. Undoubtedly, history preserved this civilisation for Egypt. Peoples who had their share of civilisation, still maintain in their hearts the civilisational radiations latent in themselves waiting for an opportunity to express themselves and their glorious history.

German-Arab relations have passed through different stages of noteworthy mutual cooperation. The Arabs exported to Europe the heritage they preserved, the translations they did, and the inventions they made. The Nuremberg Library is filled with numerous evidences of this cooperation. . . These relations remained in existence until Europe received the banner of renaissance, and the Arabs resorted to it as a spring of knowledge.

Egypt also gained the special attention of many German scholars since the 19th. Century. . . One of your eminent ancestors, namely, the geographer Scheinfurth came to Egypt in 1863, where he was offered every assistance to carry out his geographic explorations in Africa. He returned to Munich in 1872 where he held a scientific geographic conference in which he presented his discoveries. Though he was offered excellent opportunities to work at the universities of Germany, he preferred to return to Egypt to continue his work from and for it. Then, he established the Egyptian Geographic Society in 1875, and was its first president.

In the past, German-Arab relations passed through temporary periods of quiescence for some reasons that have gone now, and we hope that they will not return. Since the restoration of relations in their right cause, numerous positive steps were achieved in a short period, and we still hope for more in the different fields of science because we have great admiration and appreciation for this past.

There is still a state of tension in the Middle East, and perhaps you have followed up the constant efforts we exert to reach an overall, durable and just settlement of the dispute. You may agree with me that achieving this settlement requires the respect of the States sovereignty and the sanctity of their territories, and guaranteeing the stability of the Palestinian people who suffered a great deal, and were deprived of their national rights, as well as their right to decent life.

We must all realise that by giving the Palestinian people their right to establish an independent state, and restoring their legitimate right they will contribute to the constructive efforts exerted to achieve stability and prosperity in the area, and spread peace on every spot thereof.

It is high time to establish peace in the Middle East and help its peoples to achieve their material and moral welfare.

Fortunately my visit to Bavaria crowned my trip to Federal Germany; this region in which the individuals enjoy the beauty of nature and good spirit.

My wife has entrusted me to thank you, on her behalf, for the hospitality and warm-hearted reception you showed her during her visit last year.

Thanking you very much for your hospitality, I invite you to stand up in honour of Prime Minister Mr. Gobel, Mrs. Gobel, and the citizens of Bavaria wishing them every happiness and well-being.