

**S P E E C H**

by

**PRESIDENT ANWAR EL SADAT**

at the

dinner banquet he gave in honour

of the

**SHAH OF IRAN AND THE SHAHBANU**

Teheran, June 17, 1976

His Majesty dear brother and friend the Shahenshah Ariamehr,  
Her Majesty the Shahbanu,

Now that we have been given the opportunity to meet with you and the brotherly Irani people once again, and continue the pleasant talks we exchanged during your visit to Egypt last year, it gives me great pleasure to state that the discussions we conducted yesterday and the talks we carried on since our arrival, have effectively contributed in consolidating the true bonds of friendship and cooperation between our peoples. They also asserted the truth upon which the Egyptian-Irani relations were founded, namely the ones of interests and objectives of the two peoples, and the necessity that the two countries should forge ahead towards strengthening relations between them in all fields and at all levels.

It was natural that our viewpoints would meet on the issues our talks covered, whether they were world affairs or concerning the Middle East, this area with its vital strategic significance. Both of

us were motivated by a true desire to serve the cause of world peace, and deepen the roots of international cooperation founded on bases that reject exploitation and self-interest.

I would like to refer, in particular, to your increasing support to the legitimate Arab demand for the withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Arab territories, and the restoration of the national rights of the Palestinian people. I have enough reasons to make me believe that Iran will take new steps towards a meeting with this militant people, and supporting their deeply human revolution.

You are fully aware that the solidarity of friendly peoples enhances the Palestinian masses' faith in the possibility of reaching a durable and just peace that safeguards rights and bans aggression and expansion.

I also record with appreciation your keenness to preserve the most solid relations with all the Arab countries, and your readiness to tackle all pending questions with them in a spirit of fraternity, cordiality and understanding.

I would also like to refer to the magnificent achievements you fulfilled for your dear country in such a short period of time; achievements which are proof of an accurate vision of the future and a bright outlook towards history.

The whole world knows quite well, dear brother, that you are building up Iran's prosperity and progress, this country with the glorious history and immortal civilisation. Today I was given the opportunity to feel more proud when I saw the tremendous efforts you exerted to build up the Irani Armed Forces, which is another splendid feat towards defending right, peace and justice. These Armed Forces with their high efficiency which we felt, are a shield protecting right and safeguarding legitimacy.

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You have realised with your wisdom and far-sightedness that right cannot prevail in a confused world unless there is a power protecting and supporting it.

Greetings to every high commander for what we witnessed today...

Greetings to the Irani Armed Forces from the people and Armed Forces of Egypt.

Dear friends,

Allow me to invite you to stand up in greeting of His Majesty the Shahenshah and the Shahbanu for whom the Egyptian people feel special amity and sincere love. Greetings to all the sons of the Irani people, and the relations of friendship and fraternity which closely link our two peoples.