

S P E E C H

by

PRESIDENT ANWAR EL SADAT

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The President expressed his happiness at meeting the Arab family in Germany and added : « No family can be immune from disagreements among its members. This is natural. It is the nature of the life we lead. However, our feeling remains in the heart, namely that we are one family. At any stage, whether we are facing good times or bad ones, we shall, undoubtedly, be facing together our fate and our destiny....

At one time before the 1973 war, the Arab nation was dis-united, as a result of our own deeds. For instance, we classified ourselves into different categories and embarked upon needless conflicts with one another. . . However, when the whole Nation agreed on one thing, in the 1973 war and we entered the battle, we were able — through our performance in it and through using whatever weapons we had as a family, such as petroleum, to win the world's admiration and to occupy the position of the sixth power in the contemporary world. For this reason, I would always advise you while you live in foreign countries, to act as one family and as brothers whatever may happen. Many things always occur among brothers and in a family, but in the final analysis they are brothers and one family.

« May God grant you success in your work and may you always put forth this image of one family so that we might maintain the position we wrenched from the whole world, as the sixth power in it.

Before 1973, the world looked upon us with pity. In fact, one suffered from its pity for us.

But thank God, we have proved ourselves from all sides, and God willing we shall maintain our position always.

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