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by

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to the cadets at the Gabal El Awlia

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Brothers, sons and friends,

My brother, President Numeiry accorded me this opportunity to visit the Sudan so that we can exchange views on all that concerns our region, our homeland and the battle of destiny which we are living through today.

Here, before you, I acknowledge that I am grateful to the Sudan, the Sudan of the Revolution. The May 25 Revolution was one of the basic factors which changed the strategy of the battle we have been waging ever since the inception of the July 23 Revolution. In 1967, during one of the fiercest battles we have ever undergone, we lost a battle but we did not lose the war, as many big nations,

before us, had lost battles more serious than our battle. After this battle, our enemies thought they could isolate us by encircling us with regimes that are under imperialist domination. Their design was based on isolating us, in Egypt, then they could destroy us completely.

But I tell you that the inception of the May 25 Revolution, at a time when our enemies thought that all circumstances favoured our isolation, came as a living expression of the fact that we, the Arab people and the Arab nation, will never die out nor surrender even if imperialism has reached the peak of victory and conceit. While engaged in a fierce battle and after they thought that the concept of liberation was conquered, the May 25 Revolution broke out providing proof that the path of freedom and liberation is strong, and that the Arab people will never surrender nor relinquish their rights whatever the pressures, the battles and the forces confronting them.

We are indebted to our brothers in the Sudan particularly since they are determined to contribute to the battle. The day will come when all facts will be revealed and when all attitudes will be defined after the battle.

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Every one will know that inspite of the development conditions and the difficult circumstances of building the new Sudan, the Sudan was determined to contribute with more than what is expected of it.

Today we have reached decisive moments. In the last month and a half we did everything in our power to realise a peaceful solution, we went as long as we could on that path. Our move was governed by two principles :

First — No relinquishment of one inch of our soil or the Arab soil.

Second — No bargaining over the rights or the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.

On the other hand, Israel, sent on February 21, a formal report to the United Nations saying that it will not go back to the pre-June 4, 1967 lines. This is a challenge to the whole world. Thus we reached the decisive moments. Are we capable of protecting our land, our dignity and our honour ?

They have put us before this test and we are prepared for it.

Today, everything on our land is being

geared for the battle of liberation and destiny after doing all we could for a peaceful solution.

What is most sorrowful however, is that Israel which receives all aid from the U.S.A. starting from its loaf of bread until the Phantom planes instead of being pressured by the U.S.A. is the one which imposes its pressure on the U.S.A. Thus we are left with one alternative, that of our will and our battle because the dignity is our dignity and the land is our land. It is therefore our right in the forthcoming period — after our enemy's objectives have become obvious and challenging to the international will — to pursue the pertinent path for the liberation of our land and for imposing our determination to liberate the land.

The law of the jungle which they want shall not prevail; we will not accept the arrogance of our enemy. The forthcoming period will prove that what the Arabs want to do they do it and thus realise their aims.

I would like to assure you that we in Egypt — your people and relatives — are prepared for the battle. The great thing is that

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unshakable and absolute faith in God and in
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Now as everyone moves on all levels, with
this faith and trust towards the forthcoming
battle I carry with me here to you the love
and appreciation of your people and relatives;
they pray God for your success and that you
return to join the battle; for your people place
all confidence, love and hope in you.

May God's peace be upon you.
