

# ANWAR EL SADAT'S STATEMENT

## TO THE NATION

September 28, 1970

The United Arab Republic, the Arab nation and humanity at large have lost one of the most valued of men, one of the most sincere : President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who at 6.15 p.m. the 27th day of Ragab 1390 H. corresponding to September 28, 1970, passed away while standing in the vanguard of the struggle for the unity of the Arab people, and for the day of their victory.

The hero, whose memory will remain eternal in the minds of his nation and of mankind, suffered a severe heart attack, the symptoms of which were first felt at 3.15 p.m.

He had just returned to his home after having completed the last ceremonies in connection with the meetings of the Arab Kings and Heads of State Conference which ended in Cairo yesterday and to which the leader and hero had devoted all his efforts and nervous energy, to ward off a frightening tragedy which had befallen the Arab people.

The Higher Executive Committee of the Arab Socialist Union and the Council of Ministers, which held a joint emergency meet-

ing immediately after God's will had been done, cannot find words to express the profound grief that has befallen the United Arab Republic, the Arab homeland and all humanity as a result of this ordeal which God has willed to try them with at a most dangerous time.

Gamal Abdel Nasser was greater than words and he is more eternal than words. No words can praise him better than his record in the service of his people, his nation and humanity as a fighter for liberty, right and justice, and a militant for the cause of honour to his last breath.

No words suffice to console us for the death of Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The only thing that will show him just recompense and recognition is a patient, steadfast, courageous and able attitude by the whole Arab nation until the victory — for which the great son of Egypt, the hero, man and leader of this people lived and died as a martyr — has been achieved.

« Thou soul at peace, return unto thy Lord, content in His good pleasure !

Enter thou among my bondmen ! Enter thou My Garden ! »

May the Lord's peace and blessing be upon you.