

*SOVIETS CALL FOR FULL ARAB
SUPPORT FOR EGYPT + SYRIA*

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BREZHNEV MESSAGE SAID TO FULLY SUPPORT EGYPT, SYRIA

MI01129 DAMASCUS MENA IN ARABIC TO MENA CAIRO 0905 GMT 10 OCT 73 M

(TEXT) BEIRUT--THE LEBANESE PAPER AN-NAHAR REPORTS TODAY THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED ALL ITS AMBASSADORS IN THE ARAB AREA TO CONVEY TO THE ARAB STATES A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV. THE GIST OF THE MESSAGE IS: "DO NOT LEAVE EGYPT AND SYRIA ALONE. HELP THEM WITH ALL YOUR RESOURCES, AND WE WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL FORMS OF SUPPORT."

THE PAPER ADDS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE, WHICH THE SOVIET AMBASSADORS CONVEYED TO THE ARAB RULERS, ARE IDENTICAL TO THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER THAT ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENE HAS RECEIVED. BREZHNEV HAD SENT A LETTER TO BOUMEDIENE IN REPLY TO A LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM THE ALGERIAN PRESIDENT.

AL-ANWAR SAYS THAT ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE WAR, BREZHNEV SENT AN URGENT LETTER TO BOTH PRESIDENTS ANWAR AS-SADAT AND HAFIZ AL-ASAD, EMPHASIZING THAT THE SOVIET UNION FULLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF EGYPT AND SYRIA AND THEIR RESORTING TO ALL MEANS TO LIBERATE THEIR LANDS.

QUOTING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE PAPER SAYS THAT RUSSIA IS PRESENTLY SUPPLYING EGYPT AND SYRIA WITH NEW CONSIGNMENTS OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO INSURE THEIR NEEDS IN THE WAR AGAINST ISRAEL. THESE SOURCES SAY THAT THERE ARE CONSTANT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND CAIRO AND BETWEEN MOSCOW AND DAMASCUS TO COORDINATE THE POLITICAL STANDS AND FACE THE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS.

IT HAD ALSO BEEN LEARNED THAT RUSSIAN EXPERTS ARE HELPING THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS TO DEFEND THEIR COUNTRIES.

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