

Profound Mourning for Passing of the Chinese People's Great Leader Chairman Mao Tsetung

Message From President Zayed of United Arab Emirates

Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, sent a message on September 12 to the Chinese leadership, extending sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message reads:

"I have learnt the sad news of the passing of the great leader, the late His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung who had sincerely devoted his life to the welfare of his people, standing firm and with conviction by the side of the peoples struggling for freedom and independence. The passing of this great leader is a tremendous loss."

Message From Libyan President Gaddafi

Colonel Muammer Al Gaddafi, Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council of the Libyan Arab Republic, sent a message on September 14 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng. The message reads:

"With deep sorrow and regret we learnt of the passing away of His Excellency Mao Tsetung. In the name of the Revolutionary Command Council and the people of the Libyan Arab Republic and in my name I send you our deep condolences for this great loss."

Message From Grenadian Prime Minister Eric Gairy

Eric M. Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"It is with deep regret that news of the death of Chairman Mao has been received in Grenada.

"On behalf of the Government and people of Grenada and on my own behalf, I extend to Your Excellency, the Government and people of the People's Republic of China our heartfelt sympathy."

Message From Prime Minister Adams of Barbados

Prime Minister of Barbados John Michael Geoffrey Adams has sent a message of condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message reads:

"The Government and people of Barbados would wish that an expression of their deepest sympathy be conveyed to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China on the occasion of the death of their revered leader Chairman Mao Tsetung."

Messages From Portuguese President Eanes, Prime Minister Soares and President Fernandes of National Assembly

President Antonio Ramalho Eanes and Prime Minister Mario Soares of the Republic of Portugal, and President of the Portuguese National Assembly Vasco Da Gama Fernandes have sent separate messages to Chinese leaders, expressing condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

President Eanes' message reads:

"With the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, China and the world have lost one of the greatest statesmen of our century. I ask you to accept my deep sorrow."

Prime Minister Soares' message reads:

"In the name of the Portuguese Government and in my own name, please accept, Mr. Premier, our expression of most profound condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. Chairman Mao Tsetung was a personality who left a mark in the history of our century. Chairman Mao Tsetung, the leader of the Chinese people during the Long March for their liberation, the builder of a new society in the centre of Asia and the intransigent spokesman of the anti-imperialist struggle, merits international respect. The passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung is a very great loss to the Chinese people. But we are convinced that his example will keep the People's Republic of China on the road to a just and conscious society, which is the common objective firmly fixed by the Chinese people."

The message of National Assembly President Fernandes reads:

"In the name of the National Assembly of the Republic of Portugal I extend to Your Excellency and the Chinese people my condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great statesman of this century."

Letter From Colombian President

Lopez

President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen and Foreign Minister Indalecio Lievano of the Republic of Colombia asked Colombia's permanent representative to the United Nations to send a letter to Chinese Permanent Representative to the U.N. Huang Hua to express their deep condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The letter dated September 13 says that President Lopez and Foreign Minister Lievano express deep condolences of the Colombian Government and people to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China on the death of the great historic figure of this century Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Message From Sao Tome and Principe Prime Minister Trovoada

Miguel Trovoada, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, sent a message on September 21 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"It was on the eve of my official tour abroad that I received the news of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great helmsman of the Chinese people, army and Party. Allow me to express to you the profound sorrow all we in the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe felt at the announcement of the event, which is a loss to us as well as to Africa and to humanity as a whole. The thought and action of Chairman Mao Tsetung, which have illuminated our planet, have left a deep imprint on the recent history of our people. We are convinced that his thought will continue to inspire our revolution in the phase of national reconstruction just as it did during the period of anti-colonialist struggle. Comrade Premier, please accept the assurance of our fraternal friendship and deferential sympathy."

Statement by Surinamese Prime Minister Arron

Prime Minister Henck Arron of the Republic of Surinam has made a statement in the capital of Surinam on Chairman Mao's passing.

Arron said that he himself, like the Chinese people, had grievously felt the loss of this great leader. As the people's leader, Arron noted, Chairman Mao Tsetung had not only made heroic deeds; all his works would be for ever green and immortal.

The Surinamese Prime Minister said: Mao Tsetung's thought has deepened into the hearts of the people and played an invincible part. The masses of the people have turned Mao Tsetung's thought into great strength and won against ten thousand crags and torrents. Arron ex-

pressed the hope that the Surinamese people may get this kind of strength and use it to overcome difficulties, and build their country.

Statement by Syrian President Assad

President of the Syrian Arab Republic Hafez al-Assad, in a statement he made during an interview with the Syrian Arab News Agency, expressed deep condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung and praised him for supporting revolutionary struggles of the people all over the world.

President Assad said that he was grieved over the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He said that Chairman Mao "devoted his whole life and his surpassing wisdom to leading the Chinese revolution and laying the foundation for New China."

Under the leadership of Chairman Mao, he said, "New China has achieved great successes in a short period of time and enjoyed an eminent position due to it internationally."

The Syrian President praised Chairman Mao for "his directives in consolidating the friendship and co-operation between the Syrian Arab Republic and the People's Republic of China, in firmly and continuously supporting the Arab people in their struggle against Zionism, colonialism and imperialism, and in supporting various peoples in the fight for freedom, independence, rights and national defence." With the passing of Chairman Mao, "the Arab people have lost a great friend who supported their cause and struggle," he said.

President Assad expressed the belief that "the solid foundation laid by the late leader for New China will enable China to continue to score achievements at home" and "continue to firmly support world liberation movements."

Message From Egyptian Vice-President Mubarak

Egyptian Vice-President Mohamed Hosny Mubarak has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng extending sincerest condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"I have been afflicted to learn the sad news of the passing away of the great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung. While extending to Your Excellency and the great people of China deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences I remember with appreciation and admiration the enormous efforts the late leader exerted for his country and people."

Message From Bangladesh Chief of Army Staff Ziaur Rahman

Major General Ziaur Rahman, Chief of Army Staff and Deputy Chief Martial Law Administrator, sent a

message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng expressing deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"The people and Government of Bangladesh, the members of the armed forces and I personally have been deeply grieved to learn about the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He was not only the beloved leader of the great Chinese people but also one of the greatest men that the world has ever seen. As a philosopher, statesman and above all as a revolutionary he has few peers. He was a most outstanding leader of man and his historic Long March will never fade from human memory. As a military strategist he founded the Chinese People's Liberation Army. And as one who has transformed his country into one of the most important political forces in contemporary history, he will always evoke admiration of peoples around the world. The people of Bangladesh as people elsewhere will always remember his signal contribution to history."

Message From Sudanese Vice-President Ahmed

Mohammed el Baqir Ahmed, Vice-President of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, expressing heartfelt condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"I have received with great sorrow the sad news of the passing away of the great Chinese leader Mao Tsetung. We are all the poorer for his loss. In his person the whole world loses a most talented thinker, a rare leader."

"His thought and his action have radiantly shone throughout the world as a guiding star. The whole of the progressive world mourns his death with profound sorrow."

Message From Central Committee Of Viet Nam Fatherland Front

The Central Committee of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front sent a message to the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference on September 12 expressing deepest condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"We were grieved beyond measure to learn of the passing of Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Chairman of the Military Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Honorary Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, an outstanding revolutionary activist, the great leader of the Chinese people and the esteemed and beloved friend of the Vietnamese people."

The message continues: "In the course of the protracted revolutionary struggle of the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples, Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Communist Party of China, and President Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Nam Workers' Party had jointly and meticulously nurtured the great friendship and militant unity between the peoples of Viet Nam and China. The Central Committee of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front, on behalf of the Vietnamese people, expressed gratitude to Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Chinese people for their tremendous and valuable brotherly support and assistance to the cause of revolution of the Vietnamese people, and will do our utmost to foster the splendid great friendship and militant unity between the Vietnamese and Chinese peoples, making them more consolidated and everlasting."

Message From Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda

Takeo Fukuda, Deputy Prime Minister of Japan, on September 9 sent Premier Hua Kuo-feng a condolence message on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"I am deeply grieved to learn the shocking news of the passing of Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China."

Condolence Messages From Many National-Liberation Organizations, Nationalist Parties and Their Leaders

Many national-liberation organizations, nationalist parties and their leaders, leading members of the Afro-Asian Journalists' Association have sent cables or letters to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese Government or leaders to express deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The Central Committee of the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO) in a message to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China says: "The passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung is a loss beyond measure to the Chinese people, the oppressed people of the world and the whole progressive mankind. In the name of the entire Mozambican people, the Central Committee of the FRELIMO expresses deepest condolences to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people. Chairman Mao Tsetung dedicated all his energies, will and wisdom throughout his life to the people."

The message says: "Under the leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the Chinese people, after completely liquidating oppression and exploitation which weighed down on them for centuries, have embarked on the road of building a society without exploitation

of man by man and struggled without a letup to destroy the old society, stamp out its vestiges and bring up a new generation for the new society. Truly expressing the aspirations of the workers and peasants and being aware of the acuteness of class struggle in the period of building socialism, Chairman Mao Tsetung led the struggle to consolidate and defend the victories of the revolution and initiated the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution."

The message adds: "Chairman Mao Tsetung was a wise leader of the world proletariat, an eminent theoretician, a great strategist and an outstanding figure of this century who creatively applied Marxism-Leninism to the conditions of China of his time. Therefore, his works are a source of guiding, inspiring and constantly encouraging the oppressed people in the struggle for revolution and liberation. The Mozambican people led by the FRELIMO have, in the protracted liberation war against Portuguese colonialism and imperialism, formed profound and indestructible friendship and comrade-in-arms relations with the Chinese people led by Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Communist Party of China, and found in them their reliable friends and comrades-in-arms in the same anti-imperialist trench. Sharing the immense sorrow of the brotherly people of the People's Republic of China, the Mozambican people regard this loss as their own and cherish the memory of Chairman Mao Tsetung with boundless respect."

A message sent to Premier Hua Kuo-feng by the Central Committee of the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Al Fatah) says: "The passing of the great leader Chairman Mao is a great loss to the people of the third world countries who are struggling for independence and freedom. Chairman Mao was one of the most outstanding leaders of this struggle. With his thought and action he supported the people of the third world countries in overthrowing colonialism and neo-colonialism and striving to realize their wish for a dignified and free life."

It says: "Chairman Mao Tsetung erected a bridge in Palestine and the whole world with his thought, theory and experience. He was an important source from which people aspiring after freedom, independence and a happy life draw their guiding thought."

"Today the world has lost such a great leader. The brilliant exploits and rich legacy he left behind have become the most treasured wealth of the world's people and will guide them in their struggle for survival."

Zoheir Mohsin, leader of the General Command of the Palestine Al Sa'eqa Commandos, says in his letter of condolence, "The whole humanity will highly appreciate and remember with respect the great role the late great leader played in leading the Chinese people in embarking on the road of national liberation and building socialism, and in supporting the people of all countries in their struggle against reactionaries and bullying and oppression by colonialism."

"Today we Arab Palestinian people and their nationalist revolution share with the friendly Chinese people the feelings and grief for the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, a great historic leader. At the same time, we firmly believe that People's China engaged in liberation and construction under the leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung in the past half a century and more will always be the biggest mainstay and the most reliable friend of the people of all countries, including our Arab Palestinian people, who long for national liberation and the building of a progressive society," the message notes.

The message of General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine George Habash says: "Chairman Mao Tsetung led the great Chinese people in launching the greatest liberation movement in our epoch. As a result, the banner of socialism was hoisted over a large and major part of the globe."

"At this moment, we console ourselves with the fact that the late Chairman has left us the creative ideological, political, military and organizational heritage. The success of the Chinese revolution has fully manifested the tremendous strength generated from the vivid and creative combination of Marxist-Leninist theory with the practice in China."

"Today, we Palestinian people have proudly plunged ourselves into the struggle carried out by the great teacher and armed ourselves with his scientific theses," the message adds.

Leader of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine Nayef Hawatmeh says in his message: "The Chinese revolution has given immense support to the peoples all over the world in their struggle for liberation, self-determination, national independence and socialism." "The common struggle to defeat imperialism, reaction, Zionism and racism is in the course of long march. This is the best regards we can express to the whole mankind on the day of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung," the message says.

The message of leader of the Political Bureau of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (General Command) Ahmed Jibril says that Chairman Mao Tsetung "will go down in the annals of history as a great man." "Under his leadership, the great Chinese people have attained prestige, sovereignty and success," the message adds.

Among those who have sent cables and letters of condolence are Secretary General of the Afro-Asian Journalists' Association (A.A.J.A.) Djawoto; member of the A.A.J.A. Secretariat Saïd Salim Abdulla (Tanzania); leader of the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Al Fatah) Abu Jihad; the National Leadership of the Iraqi Arab Baath Socialist Party; the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine; Chairman of the Unified Democratic Union of the Centre of Cyprus Vassos Lyssarides; President of the Congress Party for Inde-

pendence of Madagascar Richard Andriamanjato; the Vanguard of Revolution, the National Movement for Independence (Monima), the Congress Party for Independence, the Popular Movement for National Unity (Vonjy) and the Christian Democratic Party, of Madagascar; President of the South West Africa People's Organization Sam Nujoma; Acting President and Chairman of the Central Committee of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania P. Leballo; leaders of Zimbabwean liberation organizations Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo; the Liberation Front of the Somali Coast; and President of the Liberation Party of Dominica Juan Bosch.

Condolence Messages From Noted Political Figures of Many Countries

Well-known political figures of many countries and the leaders of some international organizations have sent cables or letters to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, or Premier Hua Kuo-feng, expressing deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Kirti Nidhi Bista, former Prime Minister of Nepal, said in his message that though Chairman Mao Tsetung has passed away, "his teachings will eternally illuminate the Chinese people and take China on to the road of further advancement."

"In the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung Nepal has lost a genuine and a great friend and the world a great thinker," he added.

Princess Ashraf Pahlavi of Iran in her message expressed most profound condolences on the demise of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message said: "During my visits to your beautiful country I was fortunate to witness the great achievements which have been made under his illustrious leadership. This will stand for ever as a monument to his memory."

The message by Mahmoud Riad, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, said: "I have been deeply distressed to hear of the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung, a great leader of a great nation. His loss shall be profoundly felt by all people who struggle for dignity and justice. The Arabs shall always remember him with gratitude for his support of Arab causes."

Francois-Xavier Ortoli, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community, said in his condolence message that Chairman Mao Tsetung "was one of the greatest figures in human history. In almost a half century, he made, by his thought and action, a most profound and decisive influence on the development of his country and on the evolution of the world."

Kakuei Tanaka, former Japanese Prime Minister and Member of the House of Representatives, said in his message: "Upon learning the sad news of the passing of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung, the representative of the People's Republic of China, a neighbour which has been friendly to Japan for several thousand years, I am deeply grieved."

"It was His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung, father of New China and her 800 million people, who resolved to raise the curtain on lasting peace between Japan and China. This was a great decision made in the interest of Japan, China and all mankind."

Richard Nixon, former President of the United States of America, said in his letter of condolences: "Mrs. Nixon and I extend our most heartfelt sympathy to you and your government colleagues over the passing of Chairman Mao."

Edward Heath, former British Prime Minister, said in his message: "May I express my deepest sympathy to the Government and people of China at the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung."

"During my visits to your country, I had valuable discussions with him and I realize from my personal knowledge, how great is the loss you have sustained by his death."

The message sent by Gough Whitlam, former Prime Minister of Australia, said: "I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. His struggle for the freedom and integrity of the Chinese people was without equal in the modern history of the most populous nation in the world. He embodies personally and actively expressed, the aspirations and ideals of his people. His work as leader of the Chinese people and his vision as a poet and philosopher reflected his unbending commitment to justice."

In his condolence letter, former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac said: "In founding a strong and independent New China, Chairman Mao Tsetung has won himself a prominent place among actors of our history and among brilliant witnesses of our times."

"At this moment, I understand the sorrow of the Chinese people, of which I myself share a great part."

The message of condolence sent by Franz-Josef Strauss, Chairman of the West German Christian Social Union, said: "Chairman Mao Tsetung, as a political figure and statesman, a philosopher and poet, was one of the great men of this century. Without him, the development of modern China, its unification and freedom from foreign interests, as well as the outstanding significance it has today as a force of opposition to Soviet social-imperialism, would be unimaginable."

In his condolence message, Aiichiro Fujiyama, Chairman of the Japanese Dietmen's League for Japan-China Friendship, said: "The great cause of Chairman Mao in bringing the new era through the founding of

your country will leave behind its inextinguishable shine on the whole world." "To cherish the memory of Chairman Mao's goodwill in restoring the diplomatic relations between Japan and China and strengthening the friendship of the two countries, we will turn grief into strength and pledge continued efforts for the conclusion of a Japan-China treaty of peace and friendship," he said.

A prominent figure in Bangladesh Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani said in his message: "I am greatly shocked at the news of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The world lost the greatest leader of the current century." "The oppressed people of Asia, Africa and Latin America will grievously mourn the irreparable loss, because for many years his teachings guided the liberation struggle of many countries."

Messages of condolences were also sent by: Emilio Portes Gil, former President of Mexico; Pridi Banomyong, former Prime Minister of Thailand; Robert F. Williams, Afro-American leader, and his fam-

ily; Rauf Denktash, leader of the Turkish community of Cyprus; Georges Spenale, President of the European Parliament of the E.E.C.; Bernard de Gaulle, nephew of the late French President de Gaulle; Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, leader of the British Conservative Party; Pierre Gemayel, Chairman of the Lebanese Phalanges; Khalid Salih Al-Ghuneim, former Speaker of the National Assembly of Kuwait; Krasae Chanawongse, leader of the New Force Party of Thailand; Yoshikatsu Takeiri, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Japanese Komei Party; Ikko Kasuga, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Japanese Democratic Socialist Party; Yasuhiro Nakasone, former Secretary-General of the Japanese Liberal Democratic Party; Hyosuke Kujiraoka, Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives of Japan; M. Mansfield, majority leader of the U.S. Senate; Japanese Dietmen Chuji Kuno, Hisao Ishino, Tadashi Yaota and Michiyuki Isurugi; the Portuguese Socialist Party; and the Portuguese People's Democratic Party.