

Telegram from the British Embassy in Cairo on the reactions of the Arab countries to the nationalisation of the Suez Canal (Cairo, 28 July 1956)

Caption: On 28 July 1956, the British Embassy in Cairo sends a telegram to the British Foreign Office in which it outlines the positive reactions in the Arab countries following the nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company. They welcome the action taken by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and express their support to Egypt.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1300 of July 28.

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Paris
and Saving to Amman Bagdad
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Khartoum

My immediately preceding telegram (not to all).
Suez Canal Company.

All papers carried reports of Arab jubilation and support for Nasser's move. King Hussein's telegram of congratulations on the occasion was given considerable prominence. Reports of demonstrations of support in Amman and Jerusalem and of congratulatory mosque sermons in Damascus appeared in all papers. Reports from Khartoum that the Sudanese Prime Minister had declared nationalization to be a bold national step and had wished Egypt complete success were also given prominence. Abdullah Khalil had added that he agreed there was no need for any foreign interference between the Sudan and Egypt for finding solution to Nile Waters' question. Nureddin and Azhari were reported to have expressed their praise. Jordanian Foreign Minister, Yemen Foreign Minister and Lebanese Minister of State, Saeb Salam, had expressed support. Jawdat, Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee of Iraqi Senate, had said Nasser's action was within Egypt's national rights. Reports of congratulatory messages from many other Arab personalities and bodies were also carried.

Foreign Office please pass to Washington and Saving to Moscow as my telegrams Nos. 156 and 52.

[Repeated to Washington and Saving to Moscow].

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