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O! Father of Osan, History Never Forgets Its Sons

As others who acquainted and read about dear historian, Sultan Nagi's works, was shocked by the gravity of the announcement of his death early and prematurely. All who loved Yemen wished the man who devoted his life to homeland if it took him long time in order to enrich the Yemeni library with new books and studies about Yemeni literature, culture and history that he was among the earliest pioneers, and left clear impressions in his works and recording the old and contemporary history based on scientific foundations because he was one of the pioneers of knowledge and literature in both parts of Yemen.

When I heard the announcement of death it didn't come to my mind to attempt to write about our historian, father of Osan, because I knew that there were many connoisseurs out of his colleagues, the writers, authors who were more qualified than me to write about that man who offered his country and people great favors in the field of literature, culture and history, and under his hands many cadres at Higher College of Education, History Department. They have the right to write about him to be sincere for good values which he instilled in them that represented by patriotism, to react against invaders and occupiers and their helpers of Imams and reactionaries. In his vision of Yemen to be free, independent, strong and proud as Noqum and Shamsan mountains. Now, after passing more than forty days of his death, our deceased, father of Osan, I find myself write about him with greater reason toward what he presented to us of efforts and donation and blanket research for the sake of writing the Yemeni military history that I have tried to write about. And then, I find, as a soldier in the armed forces, that I have to extend some of the thanks and appreciation to our meritorious historian, Sultan Nagi despite my humble circumstances.

All the soldiers who saw our deceased's book (Military History of Yemen) in both north and south Yemen, will feel that father of Osan exerted great efforts due to his moving in corridors of the libraries searching in books and Yemeni and Arab and foreign studies inside Yemen and abroad, so as to examine and inspect the documents and studies and different treaties which talk about military history of Yemen to set the Yemeni and Arab readers to the actions of invaders and occupiers to his country. He was among those who believed in the upcoming dawn of unity of Yemen; therefore his works and studies are of content and mark indicating to the unity mainly Military History of Yemen, which was written in paralleled from about the start of genesis of military units in north and south Yemen starting from its first generations until victory of glorious 26 September and 14 October revolutions.

Sultan Nagi was honest and talented when he showed historical evidence and proofs against falsity of British colonialism pretexts at the time of occupation of our country in 19 January, 1839 and the history of our brave grandfathers' resistance.

Especially, when he talked about a set of historic facts that based on academic - scientific research, and he talked about different stages of the military units in the North and South in his aforementioned book too.



In the introduction of his book, our deceased was right when he indicated that the aim of his book was to highlight the history of brave Yemeni people's against the Turkish and British occupiers, and against the individual tyranny of Imams and Sultans. At the present time, presentation of this aspect of sacrifices of grandfathers mainly led to overthrowing Imam and expelling the colonialism and putting down Sultanates and Emirates.

Thus, our deceased wanted to show the heroic glory as a basis to nurture the next generations of revolution with this soul. Although he was not a soldier or familiar with military affairs, his aforementioned book got appreciation and admiration of all lucky people of officers and soldiers of armed forces who read this book

Sleep delighted O! father of Osan, history never forgets his sincere sons, if your body departed, but you left behind for us sublime works, your creations will remain glorious and shiny in the minds of Yemeni people who learnt from you how to love the makers and heroes of the history.

