

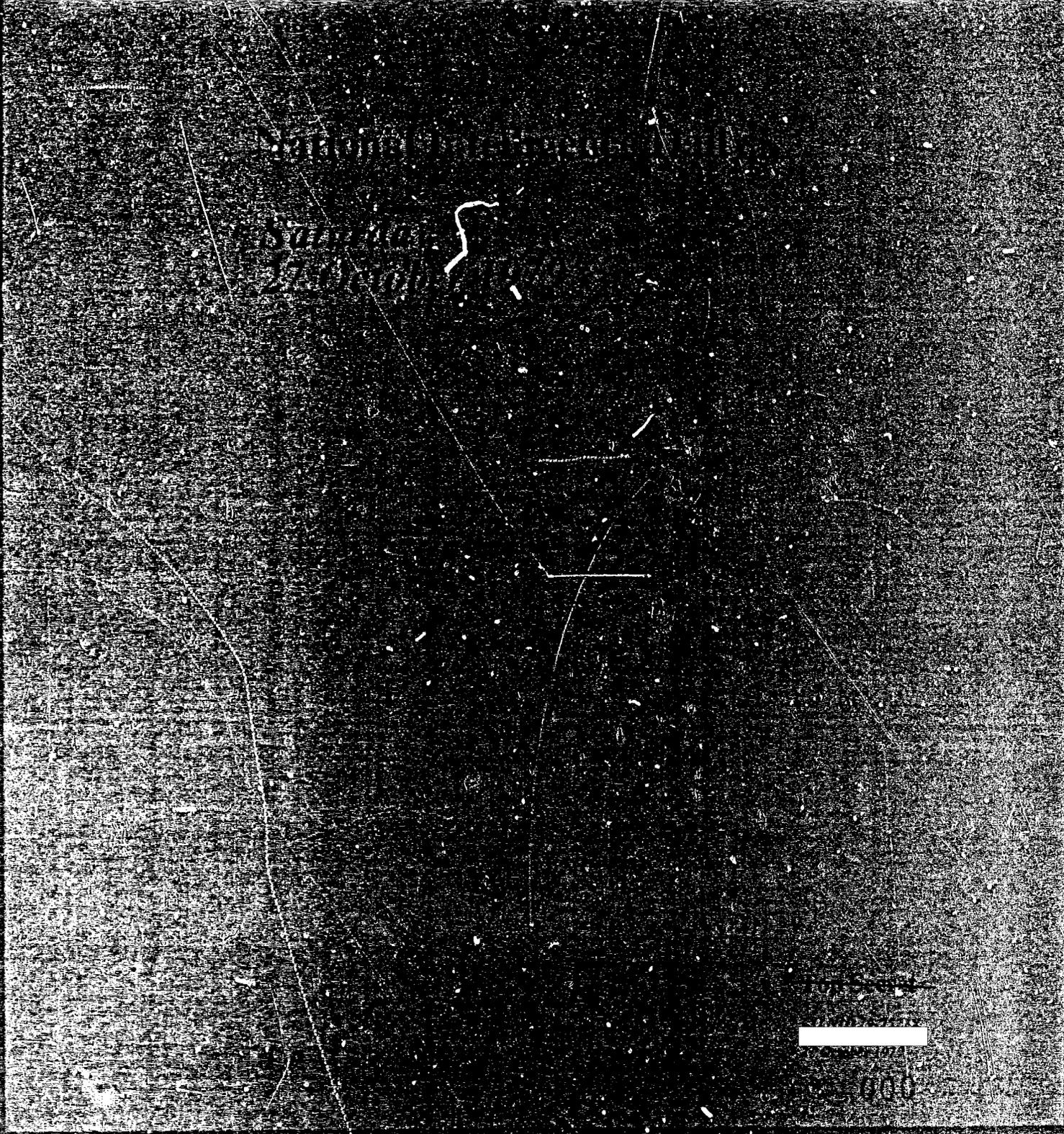


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Pressure by Iraq and other Arab radicals remains strong both on Sudan and on its chief economic benefactor, Saudi Arabia, and may increase further at next month's Arab summit. The Saudis have continued their financial aid to Sudan, but acknowledge that their refusal to provide funds specifically earmarked for Sudan's purchase of F-5 aircraft from the US reflects Arab pressure on Saudi Arabia to punish Numayri for his continued backing of Egypt.

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