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EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN REJECTS U.S. PROPOSAL ON CEASE-FIRE

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(TEXT) CAIRO--EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AHMAD ANIS STATED TODAY THAT MANY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE ASKED HIM FOR EGYPT'S VIEWS REGARDING WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE STRANGE U.S. REQUEST FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND RETURN TO PRE-6 OCTOBER LINES. THE NATURAL REPLY TO THIS, HE SAID, IS THAT ON 6 OCTOBER 1973 ISRAEL ATTACKED US IN AS-SUKHNAH AND AZ-ZA'FARANAH. CONSEQUENTLY, WE REPELLED THE AGGRESSION AND CROSSED THE SUEZ CANAL. THE SPOKESMAN SAID: WE ARE NOW ADVANCING IN SINAI TO LIBERATE THE TERRITORY ISRAEL HAS OCCUPIED. WE DO NOT DEPEND ON ANYONE AND ARE DEFENDING OUR TERRITORY AND RIGHT TO RESTORE OUR OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

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