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President Nasser thought that he had to take responsibility for the defeat. He announced his resignation at night on June 9, 1967. But Egyptian citizens thought that there was only Nasser that could save Egypt. Just after the announcement of resignation, citizens in Cairo launched a march on the street and asked for Nasser to change his mind. A huge wave of march appeared in the dark street under the blackout. Only three and a half hours later, Nasser made a statement to leave his decision of resignation to the National Assembly. Early on the 10th June, the National Assembly urged Nasser to stay as head of state. Nasser decided to continue his presidency.

In August, the Arab countries held an Arab summit meeting in Khartoum in Sudan and adopted a hardline policy against Israel. It was called "Three No's". They were; "NO acceptance of Jewish nation", "NO negotiation with Israel", and "NO peace agreement between Arab and Israel". In fact, both Egypt and Jordan wanted to regain their territory from Israel through peaceful negotiation with intermediation by US. But their hope was swept away by the loud voice of the many Arab leaders.

Nasser had kept the presidency for nearly three years afterwards. He had to understand that he himself was almost lame duck. In August 1970, he achieved the ceasefire with Israel. Next month he suddenly died of a heart attack at the age of 52.

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