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Taking these facts into consideration, there might be no question that Sadat had to be considered as a peace maker of Egypt and the Arab world, even though he was not a hero in any meanings. But the history was quite reverse. Peace treaty between Egypt and Israel has been highly appreciated by all of the countries except the Arab world. Among the Arab countries, his diplomatic resolution was regarded as betrayal against fellow Palestinians. Sadat was isolated both at home and abroad. Military politicians like Sadat could become hero only by winning war. However, when the war was over with indefinite win or loss and cease-fire was brought by diplomatic negotiation, the ordinary citizens blamed Sadat as a traitor.

There was another mistake thereafter. In 1979, the Islamic Revolution took place in Iran. President Sadat accepted the exile of Muhammad Reza Shah Pahlavi of Iran based on humanitarian consideration. However, Shah trampled down Sadat's favor and skipped from Cairo to the United States. Egyptian people fiercely rebelled against this incident. They directed their condemnation to Sadat nevertheless he had brought peace to the Middle East and got back the Sinai Peninsula. People were quite changeable.

In October 1981, when President Sadat has been on inspection tour of the military parade in commemoration of the Ramadan War, he was assassinated by squad of Egyptian army.

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