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Before the military offensive of the imperialist troops and its gendarme, the Zionist-fascist state of Israel in Palestine and the whole Middle East; before the successive counterrevolutionary pacts to defeat the proletariat in the region; and before ultra-reactionary role of the native bourgeoisies, the theory-program of the Permanent Revolution, that confirms that the Socialist Revolution will triumph with the condition of achieving a revolutionary leadership, as a unique revolution in the whole Middle East, is more present than ever.

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Palestine kid killed by zionist attack on Gaza

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Outcasts in their own land



Refugees camps of the Palestinian expelled from their lands in 1948

THE ROLE OF THE UTTERLY REACTIONARY ISLAMIC NATIONAL BOURGEOISIES



Nasrallah, Hezbollah chief, with president Ahmadinejad from Iran

More than 300 dead and thousands of injured people after the attack Zionist state of Israel, US gendarme in Middle East. They prepare a massacre against the ghettos where Palestine people are enslaved.

Arms, medicines and food for Palestinian people! STOP THE FASCIST AND GENOCIDE ATTACK OF THE ZIONISTS AND BUSH-OBAMA AGAINST GAZA!



**FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ZIONIST STATE OF ISRAEL!
FOR THE MILITARY DEFEAT OF ALL IMPERIALIST TROOPS
IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN AND ALL OVER MIDDLE EAST!
OUT WITH THE UN IMPERIALIST TROOPS FROM THE SOUTH
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GOVERNMENT!**

FOR A FEDERATION OF SOCIALIST REPUBLICS OF MIDDLE EAST!

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For the last three days, the Zionist state of Israel has bombed the Gaza Strip causing the worst massacre of the Palestinian people who have been fighting to liberate their nation from the Zionist occupation: more than 300 dead and over 1600 injuries, among resistance fighters including women and children.

In Gaza there are over 1.5 million Palestinians in crammed into an area of 360 square km; it is a true open air concentration camp surrounded by walls and the sea. It is a modern version of the Warsaw ghetto under Nazi occupation of Poland during the Second World War!

For nearly two years, the Zionist state of Israel with the support of U.S. imperialism backed by the other imperialist powers, and with the open complicity of Al Fatah bourgeoisie, that jailer of their own people, has imposed a total blockade on the Gaza Strip. They isolated Gaza from The West Bank and the rest of the historic Palestinian territory blocking roads, cutting off gas, electricity and water as well as food, medicines, etc.

There is little work in Gaza and as a

consequence, 90% of the population is unemployed. Malnutrition and chronic anaemia are rife. Most babies born in the last 2 years and who succeeded in surviving will never reach normal average height due to their mothers' lack of food and essential nutrients during the first year of life. 50% of the population is young people under the age of 15 –that is the generation born since the Oslo Accords in 1993- and the only thing they know is hunger, and no future but slavery and apartheid.

This cruel genocide due to famine is supported and allowed by all imperialists and that den of thieves called UN. Today, Israel attacks again bombing by planes, while they prepare a ground invasion to massacre and discipline the masses of Gaza. The republican-democrat US regime, which is preparing Obama assumption, has already supported its Zionist gendarme, while its imperialist troops keep killing in Afghanistan and Iraq. This is what Obama had promised during his election campaign, when he visited the fake "Israel State", that is really the occupied

Palestine by the Zionist state, a counter-revolutionary airfield of the imperialism in the zone.

Thus, while finishing the re-building of its major state changing Bush by Obama, USA impels and "stick" and "carrot" policy. "Carrot" means counterrevolutionary transitory pacts (new deals) imposed on "hot zones" of the world. That is, a new deal between Morales and fascist bourgeoisie in Bolivia; the new deal between Uribe and Chavez to betray the Colombian resistance; or the one proposed by Sarkozy and Latin American bourgeoisies with catroite bureaucracy to sell out the worker-peasant Cuba to the imperialist world economy. Counterrevolutionary pacts like the one agreed between Iranian ayatollahs and Iraqi sunnit bourgeoisie against the Iraqi resistance. "Stick" means counterrevolutionary strikes as in Iraq when the Turkish troops entered in the north of that country; Uribe attacking FARC in Ecuador; the US Saakashvili's attack against South Osetia; the fascist counterrevolutionary uprising of the Media



Funeral of a victim of the Zionist-Fascist state of Israel's attack on Gaza

Luna in Bolivia. Today, the “stick” policy is applied against Palestinian masses by the US imperialism and the “republicrat” regime through its gendarme Israel to mark their territory.

USA announced they will start the withdrawal of its troops from Iraq in 2009. The current massacre against Palestinian people is a key step forward for it. Because to smash Palestinian people, the pact with Iran ayatollahs and Sunnite bourgeoisie, together with Turkish occupation in north Iraq are main issues of US plan to retreat its troops from Iraq without risking that the exploited masses of Middle East and USA see it like their own victory. Thus, the attack against Palestine is a key question in relation to the new and greater counteroffensive US is preparing. Since their targets are East Europe –with their missile shield- and Afghanistan and the ex-Soviet Republics included Russia and its natural wealth, today, exploited mostly by German and European imperialism.

Far from bringing an era of “peace” and “democracy”—as the treacherous leaderships want to make the exploited masses believe – the new imperialist Obama government like the rest of imperialist powers of Europe and Japan will only bring new wars, massacres and suffering to the exploits and oppressed people under the whip of the bankruptcy of the capitalist system. They are also sinking US and European working class into misery forcing them to pay the cost of the bailout of imperialist monopolies and banks.

By massacring Palestinian people, Israel tries to prove to USA they are still able to play efficiently the role of gendarme of imperialism in Middle East despite the humiliating defeat of its army imposed by Palestinian and the south of the Lebanon masses in 2006.

The strength of Israel is the support given by not only USA but all the imperialist powers like France and Germany that have occupation troops in Afghanistan; or Italy and France that has occupation troops in the south of the Lebanon under the UN command; or like Japan that depends of the oil of Middle East. All of them need to smash Palestinian working class and people since their fight for their liberation puts in question their domain and business in the zone. All imperialisms need to download costs of their crisis onto its own working classes since they can only way out of the crisis and world economy bankruptcy destroying productive forces and producing destructive forces. War is one of the most profitable businesses, especially when the biggest arms’ producers - Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Westinghouse, General Electrics, Airbus and General Dynamics- are the same owners of the broken imperialist banks as Lehman Bros, Citigroup, Morgan Chase and Barclays.

Stop massacre! Stop the genocide attack against Gaza and Palestinian people launched by Obama-Bush and their Zionist gendarme held and supported by UN, France, England, Germany, Japan and the other imperi-

alist powers! For the military defeat of all imperialist troops in Afghanistan and Iraq! For the destruction of the Zionist state of Israel!

AL FATAH AND MIDDLE EAST BOURGEOISIES ARE ACCOMPLICES IN THE OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE AND THE APARTHEID AS WELL THE GENOCIDE AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE ON THE PART OF THE FASCIST ZIONIST STATE OF ISRAEL.

During the last decade, the heroic Palestinian people have led heroic revolutionary struggles and suffered huge massacres as the vanguard of the struggle against imperialist invasions and the Zionist State of Israel in Middle East. In 2002, USA, Russia and UN were able to launch the so called “Roadmap” because of the smashing of Palestinian masses. They re-established the Israel control over Palestinian territories via the setting up of Bantustans and concentration camps for the Palestinians in Gaza and The West Bank where the ghetto is under the administration of Al Fatah and its policy. These camps served to supply a reserve army of cheap labor to the Israel factories and businesses. It is the golden dream of all world bourgeoisies to exploit their own working class.

In Gaza, in February 2008, a heroic uprising demolished the wall of Rafah to stop famine, break the siege and unify their struggle with Egyptian workers and began a counteroffensive. The tragedy was that it has been rebuilt by Mubarak and its Egyptian army and Hamas who refused to extend that new revolutionary rebellion to free Palestinian people in Gaza and agreed a truce of 6 months with the murders of Palestine, that is, the Zionist State of Israel.

This policy is been paid by Palestinians in Gaza today, who are massacred by the Zionist air force and bombings. Palestinians are under the threat of a massacre even worse than in Sabra and Shatilah.

Mahmud Abbas, president of the so called “Palestinian National Authority” and Al Fatah movement, that controls The West Bank, are responsible and accomplice of this new genocide attack against Palestinians in Gaza. They are agents and junior partners of the imperialism and Israel State, to which they held even when the masses of Palestine and the South of the Lebanon caused a huge leap in the national war with a

resounding defeat of the Zionist troops in 2006. They became collaborationist of the Zionist state. They are paid to manage the concentration camps surrounded by walls, where Palestinian people live as pariah in their own land for the sake of Israel State. The Palestinian heroic revolution in 2000 was sold out by Arafat and then smashed by the tanks of Sharon and Bush. They are jailers and slaveholders of their own people!

In 2006, the masses of Middle East had the opportunity to stop this sinister plan to enslave Palestinians in ghettos and concentration camps in Gaza and the West Bank since the workers and peasants in Palestine and the south of the Lebanon had defeated the Zionist army.

Unfortunately for the exploited, Hezbollah leadership accepted the imperialist UN troops that protect Israel north borders and prevent the unity of the south Lebanon exploits with that of the heroic resistance of Palestinians jailed in ghettos. Meanwhile this leadership started its integration in the pro-imperialist Siniora government to do business and share profits for the rebuilding of the Lebanon. Thus, Palestinians have been enclosed under the threat of a counterrevolutionary Zionist attack which has an army supplied by the world imperialism.

Palestinians ended under such a threat due to the truce given by Hamas to the Zionist invader and their occupation troops.

But not only Al Fatah, but all native bourgeoisies of Middle East –whether US-UK, French, German or Japanese junior partners- are responsible for the oppression of the Palestinian people and accomplices of the new genocide attack of Bush-Obama and Zionist State. Mubarak in Egypt was the first who legitimized Israel State and controls southern and western borders of Gaza Strip locking the Palestinians in the ghetto and preventing them from joining forces with exploited and oppressed Egyptian workers.

In Jordan, the national bourgeoisie and the reactionary monarchy oppress Palestinians on the East bank of the Jordan River where in the 70s King Hussein suppressed an uprising of the Palestinians in their refugee camps on what is called “black September”. The Iran bourgeoisie and its regime of “ayatollahs” that repress Iran people, today, play the same role. They along side the Syrian bourgeoisie hold the US protec-

torate government in Iraq that with imperialist troops and its new lackey “Iraqi” army kills the Iraqi resistance. Down with the complicity of Al Fatah, Mubarak, and Jordan monarchy and other bourgeoisies with the Zionist State and their genocide attack!

FOR THE MILITARY DEFEAT OF THE ZIONIST MURDEROUS ARMY, FOR THE VICTORY OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND WORKING CLASS!

The international proletariat cannot allow this counterrevolutionary plan to succeed. It is time to defeat and squash the invading Zionist military troops of Palestine.

In the current international conditions: or the fascist Zionist army is smashed and the imperialist plans in the region under Obama’s control are defeated; or the Palestinian people will be squashed, not only in Gaza but in the West Bank, and the empowered Zionist army with the UN troops will not cease till the counterrevolutionary plan succeeds so as to re-take the control of the South of the Lebanon. This is the objective and counterrevolutionary plan of imperialist powers and the Zionist State. If this plan is imposed, the working class of Middle East and the Iraqi and Afghan resistance will suffer a terrible defeat.

Since 2006 when Hamas won the elections in Gaza, they have been demanding, via a truce and armed fights, to be the ones who guarantee the control over Palestinian masses in Gaza. In this way, Hamas waits for both the imperialism and the Zionist State to give them the funds to administrate the Palestinian ghetto, like Al Fatah does it in the West Bank. This policy of putting pressure has shown all its impotence to free the Palestinian people who had defeated Al Fatah police and their intelligence service in Gaza in 2008.

The endless martyrdom of the Palestinian people proves that submission of the working class to their “own” bourgeois always ends in tragedy. The same can be seen in Latin America where the native bourgeoisies, today called “Bolivarians”, launch and head the terrible attack against the exploited masses in the continent. While posing as anti-imperialists, they are waiting very happily for Obama –as they have said in the UNASUR. The Chavez, Morales, Kirchners, the Lulas, and the Castroite bureaucracy are preparing the

capitalist restoration in Cuba “in the Vietnam way”, while they download the cost of the world crisis over the exploits in Latin-American nations.

The native bourgeoisies that control Palestinian people and the masses of Middle East can never lead the Palestinian people to national liberation. They are only seeking for business as junior partners of any imperialist power.

For that reason, the national cause of Palestinians will only win if it is led by the self organised working class, and exploited masses together with their organisations for which there is no possibility of being bought off by the occupying Zionist state. Such a victory is necessary since workers will never be able to live, eat and work without the military defeat of the Zionist-fascist state which bombs and murders to maintain its occupation of historic Palestine.

We have to respond to the current bombing and the massacre with the Palestinian people unity under the working class leadership of the concentration camps and ghettos who has been divided and siege by the counterrevolutionary Zionism and the Middle East and Palestinian bourgeoisies.

Palestinian people in Gaza cannot be left isolated.

Enough! The strongest weapon to cease the attack is the insurrection of Palestinian masses. **WE HAVE TO DEMOLISH THE WALLS IN GAZA; WE HAVE TO KNOCK DOWN THE WALLS IN THE WEST BANK!** We have to expel the UN troops of the South of the Lebanon, troops that protect the north border of Israel and divide Palestinian people to the masses of the South of Lebanon! In the West Bank, we have to disarm the collaborationist policy of Al Fatah, jailers of its own people! We have to win the armament for Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza and the South of Lebanon! **WE HAVE TO CALL IMMEDIATELY A PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY demolishing THE WALLS OF**



February 2008: Rafah's Wall knocked down by the masses

SLAVERY! One weapon per man! We have to unify Palestinian masses of Gaza, West Bank together with their sisters and brothers of South Lebanon! In order to do that, we have to expel UN troops that protect the north border of the invader Zionist State. We have to organise and revolt the exiled Palestinian people in Jordan! We have to defeat right now the Gaza Wall as it was last February in 2008, and meet the Egyptian working class, who is against the Zionist servant Mubarak to start a common struggle for bread, land and national independence!

We have to set up a Palestinian National Assembly of armed workers and peasants, which would have all the authority to call for the destruction of the Zionist Fascist State of Israel and call on the world working class and oppressed people to guarantee the arrival of international militias, troops, and weapons. The Palestinian struggle for its freedom must be the smashing of the Fascist Zionist State. The entire Middle East must become the graveyard of the imperialist invader troops!

TO DEFEAT THE GENOCIDE ATTACK OF OBAMA-BUSH AND THE ZIONIST ARMY: FOR A REVOLUTIONARY REVOLT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE ARABIAN MASSES OF EGYPT, LEBANON, JORDAN AND THE ENTIRE REGION TO TRANSFORM MIDDLE EAST IN THE GRAVEYARD OF THE IMPERIALISM AND ZIONIST STATE OF ISRAEL!

Faced with a new genocide attack, we stand unconditionally in the same military trench of the Palestinian people and the organizations of the resistance such as Hamas and other militias that are resisting the Zionist invaders. No more words, stop with impotent words of revenge and calling for "Intifadas" when Palestinian people are currently isolated! Weapons, food and medicines to Gaza!

But while we fight alongside Hamas against the Israeli state we do not give any political support to the bourgeois leadership Hamas. We affirm that the liberation of the Palestinian people from the Zionist occupation can only come from a united struggle of the masses of all the Middle East. A same revolutionary and anti-imperialist struggle to defeat all the walls that today divide Palestinian people of the occupied Palestine from its brothers and sisters of Lebanon and Jordan and the entire region. That is the

first wall to be broken down, that which subjugates these workers to their respective national bourgeoisies. That is the first wall to be broken down, that which subjugates these workers to their respective national bourgeoisies. That is the first wall to be broken down, that which subjugates these workers to their respective national bourgeoisies to unify the working class and the exploited masses in all Middle East.

The heroic Palestinian revolution of 2000-2001 has to stand up again! But the victory of the Palestinian cause, to destroy the Zionist State and complete the struggle for national liberation, is not only the task of the oppressed Palestinian people. Only a revolutionary uprising of the exploited masses of the Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Syria and all the Middle East can lead the heroic Palestinian people to the victory.

One class, one revolutionary and anti-imperialist struggle in all Middle East: **down with all the slavery walls raised up by the imperialism, the Zionist State and the national bourgeoisies, this is the path to unify the Middle East proletariat!**

We have to transform the Middle East in the imperialism and Zionism grave: For the destruction of Israel State, for a provisional revolutionary government of a **Palestinian National Assembly** of armed workers and peasants, that will be able to guarantee and impose: **a free, secular and democratic Palestine where all the people can live in peace!**

For a Federation of Socialist Republics of Middle East, only path to end with the sacking, oppression and massacre imposed by the imperialist domination and its junior partners, the native bourgeoisie!

THE VICTORY OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS.

INTO THE STREETS ALL OVER THE WORLD TO SUPPORT OUR PALESTINIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

Workers and exploited of the world, we must stand in defense of the martyred Palestinian people. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are mobilizing for their brothers and sisters in Gaza—in the West Bank, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan. In the heart of the imperialist Europe- which expels immigrant work-

ers of Palestine, Arabia, Africa- the working class has started to mobilize in Spain, France, England, Denmark, Italy, Turkey, among others.

While the Palestinian people continue being massacred and their nation remains occupied, while the imperialist forces continue occupying and killing in Iraq and Afghanistan, we must transform the rallying cry of the youth workers of the French Cités of 2005: "Every night we make Paris a Baghdad" into our combat flag to unite the exploited and oppressed all over Europe!

The heroic youth and worker rebels of Greece who have responded to the bankruptcy of the global capitalist imperialist economy and the brutal attack of the exploiters, with a magnificent revolt that threatens to re-open the road to revolution in Europe after 30 years, are showing the way for workers all over the world to stand up and fight back. They are called to be the vanguard of this combat in defence of Palestinian people.

In USA, the dockworkers of the Local 10 of the ILWU in Oakland, have shown how to take strike action against the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and have two comrades facing jail as a result, have the authority to lead the US working class to break with Bush/Obama "Republicrat" regime and the bureaucracy of the AFLCIO, and strike in support of their class brothers and sisters under attack by genocidal Zionist State Israel which was created and is held and financed by the US imperialism and all the imperialist powers since more than 60 years.

In Europe, Asia, USA, and all America, get the streets with mobilizations, strikes, boycotts and other working class actions to stop the genocide attack of Obama-Bush and the Zionist State of Israel! **The working class must ban all shipments of arms, materiel and ammunition to the genocidal Zionist state and guarantee shipments of weapons, ammunition, medicines and food to the Palestinian people!**

From Athens to Madrid, from Moscow to London, from Beijing to Islamabad, from Johannesburg to Damascus, from New York to Santiago and from Alaska to the Tierra del Fuego, the workers and exploited of the world must stand united with the working class and oppressed people of Palestine!

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They are already more than a thousand killed and many thousands wounded by bombs, including phosphorus bombs, many of them children, women and older people.

Stop the policy of extermination and slavery against the Palestinian masses by the genocidal army of Israel under the control of Obama and Bush!

STOP THE GENOCIDAL ATTACK AGAINST GAZA AND ALL THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE!

- Defeat to the Zionist army of occupation under the control of Obama and Bush!
- Neither Road Map nor Oslo agreements nor new counterrevolutionary deals that guarantee the permanence of a Zionist state occupation and to keep the Palestinian people in ghettos and concentration camps!
- For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel!
- Down with the peace of the "cemeteries" and for the surrender of the Palestinian masses that is planned by Sarkozy and other imperialistic bandits of the UN along with Mubarak, servant of the Zionist state and the Yankees, and the bourgeoisie of El Fatah jailers of their own people in the West Bank!
- Zionist troops out of Gaza and all Palestine, paid assassins of Yankee imperialism that massacres the Iraqi people!



For the defeat of the Zionist fascist state and the imperialist plan in the Middle East!

A single Palestine nation, a single national war against the occupation of genocidal Zionism!

DEMOLISH THE WALLS OF APARTHEID AND SLAVERY THAT DIVIDE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AGAINST THE ZIONIST OCCUPATION TROOPS!

For the military uprising of the Palestinian workers and farmers of the south of the Lebanon that defeated genocidal Zionism in 2006!

For the military uprising of the Palestinian masses in the West Bank revolt, breaking with the bourgeoisie of Al Fatah that stops them joining the fight alongside the masses of Gaza!

As they have already done in Jerusalem, Haifa and other cities when more of a million Arab-Palestinian workers rose up in the heart of occupied Palestine, from Jordan to Egypt, Syria to Iraq, Algeria to all the Maghreb, it is necessary for the insurrectionary masses to break with the bourgeoisies of all the Middle East!

For a Palestinian National Assembly!

of the armed workers and farmers of Gaza, the West Bank, the million Palestinian Arabs of Jerusalem, Haifa and other Palestinian cities occupied by Zionism, together with the Palestinian masses of Jordan and the south of the Lebanon



- Unite the Palestine nation in a single national war against the genocidal Zionist occupation army
- Break the submission of exploited masses of the Middle East to the national bourgeoisies, the partners of the imperialistic powers, and join forces with those fighting for the defeat of the US and of all the imperialistic troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, so that all Middle East becomes the cemetery of the imperialists and their fascist Zionist gendarme of Israel
- Destroy the fascist Zionist State of Israel with a victorious revolutionary insurrection of the masses to put in place a workers and farmers government

FOR ONE SECULAR, FREE AND DEMOCRATIC PALESTINE

in which all the peoples of the region coexist peacefully.

- For the expropriation of all transnational oil and imperialist companies and banks in all the region

FOR A FEDERATION OF SOCIALIST REPUBLICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTORY TO THE PALESTINIAN MASSES WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE WORLD WORKING CLASS

Against the counter-revolutionaries, the imperialist powers, the bankers and the transnationals that want to make the exploited workers of the world pay for their crisis and bankruptcy

THE OPERATION "CAST LEAD" THAT MASSACRES THE PEOPLE OF GAZA IS AN ATTACK ON ALL THE WORLDS WORKERS

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The attack in Gaza, the massacre against the Palestinian people and its imprisonment in ghettos and concentration camps, is what bankrupt capitalism needs to make the workers of the world pay for its crisis, enforcing slavery and concentration camps.

The counter-revolutionary attack on Gaza and the Palestine people is a terrifying object lesson for the worlds' workers that imperialism must force upon us a million times more slavery and exploitation to rescue them from the ruin of their rotten world capitalist imperialist system.

We are all Gaza!

The operation "Cast Lead" is also a war on the hundreds of thousands of sacked auto, metal, steel workers of Brazil, Argentina, the United States and Europe. It is a war on the millions of miner workers enslaved to produce in the short boom which has burst with the crisis of the banks and Wall Street.

The operation "Cast Lead" is the war cry of the European bourgeoisies that want to impose the 65 hour working weeks to take the workers of the continent back to the conditions of 19th century.

The operation "Cast Lead" is the pistol held at the head of millions of migrant workers in the United States, Europe and Russia.

The operation "Cast Lead" is the counter-revolutionary wars of the imperialist powers on enslaved black Africa, of the massacres, genocides, disease and starvation. It is the armed repression of the millions of sacked workers and farmers without land who threaten to set China alight as they face more than 3,000 factories closing every week.

The operation "Cast Lead" is, in last instance, the attempt to put the international working class into slavery and



France: mobilization in Paris' streets against the massacre in Gaza

concentration camps just like in Gaza.
WE CANNOT ALLOW IT!

AGAINST THE OPERATION "CAST LEAD" OF IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM WE OPPOSE THE OPERATION "STEEL FIST" OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS!

After 20 days of massacre and genocide by the fifth biggest army in the world against rebellious Palestine in Gaza, a world wide revolutionary eruption has been contained, isolated and diverted so far by the leaders of the labour bureaucracy, subordinating the working class to its own bourgeoisies.

In the Maghreb, in Tunisia, in Morocco and Algeria, hundreds of thousands of workers took to the streets shouting: "Arms for Palestine" and "Down with the treacherous cowards!" –referring to the pro-imperialist governments of the Maghreb and the Middle East, that do not move a finger for the victory of the Palestinian people. Thus the masses proved their revolutionary

potential by demanding the formation of brigades to fight next to their Palestinian brothers and sisters.

Already more than a million Arab-Palestinian workers have taken to the barricades threatening to set Jerusalem and Haifa on fire and to explode the military regime that occupies the territory of Palestine. This shows that the only working class that exists inside the occupying state of Israel is the Palestinian Arab working class enslaved in the concentration camps and exploited without rights in the factories of Zionists and imperialists.

Jewish workers in occupied Palestine must prove that they have the minimum of class consciousness by taking up the same militant struggle on the side of the heroic Palestine resistance to expel the Zionist invader.

In Iraq, the exploited masses have taken to the streets, against the Sunni and Shiite bourgeoisies of the protectorate regime, shouting: "we kill the Yankee invader until there is justice for

the massacred Palestinian people!”

Europe has been shaken by enormous mobilizations of workers to the shout of: “We are all Gaza”. The Muslim Imams in England and France cannot contain in their mosques the militant masses who want to take to the streets again like the young workers who raised barricades proclaimed “We will make Paris a Baghdad every night”.

30% of European workers and the United States are immigrants from Africa, Middle East and Latin America. They are a powerful force that can unite the working class of the imperialist countries to boycott the military supplies going to Israel and stop the US and other imperialist support for the genocide of the Palestinian people. They long for to enter the struggle and are held back from organizing as an international proletariat to stop the massacre only by the labor bureaucracy and aristocracy who benefit from imperialist super-exploitation of the oppressed countries.

It is necessary to untie the hands of the international working class!

It is necessary to defeat to the labor aristocracy and bureaucracy who submit the workers to the national bourgeoisies, and that prepare along with Obama, the UN ‘shield’, the French imperialist butchers, the Mubarak lackey government, and with the complicity of El Fatah, peace pacts that make the Palestinian masses surrender after the massacre of the Zionist army!

While Zionism does the dirty work of genocide in Gaza for Obama and all the imperialist powers; while Al Fatah prevents the united struggle of the

Palestinian people; in Egypt, the imperialist powers prepare a pact that only will be signed by them if the resistance in Gaza is massacred or if the Zionist army has to face a generalized mass answer in the entire Middle East or the beginning of the revolutionary operations of the world proletariat.

These pacts would not be possible if it were not for the treacherous leadership of the labor aristocracies and bureaucracies globally that tie the hands of the masses and paralyze the forces of the international proletariat, allowing the fascist forces of Zionism to impose genocide on the Palestinian resistance until it surrenders. Already they did this in Bolivia and Colombia, with the counter-revolutionary attacks of the fascists of the Media Luna and the attacks on the Colombian resistance by the genocidal Uribe. That is the role of all the union bureaucracies and the reformist left that are grouped together in the World Social Forum especially the Stalinists, Social Democrats and those who have trampled on the flag of Trotskyism.

Enough! The international proletariat has the power to paralyze the imperialistic Zionist military machine!

The unions of Venezuela, Iran and all the countries of the Middle East must fight with the boycott and the general strike to stop one single barrel of oil being shipped to feed the imperialist and Zionist military machine. The Greek working class and its militant rebellious youth must block the ports so that military shipments do not leave for the Zionist military to be used to kill

Palestinians. All the dock workers and sailors of the world must stop any ship with military supplies – as the ILWU has done before in Oakland, US –going to Israel, Iraq and Afghanistan. On the contrary, they must ensure the safe shipping of all supplies of arms, medicines and food into the hands of the Palestinian people.

Those who rose up in the Maghreb and on the streets of Egypt called out for arms so they could go and fight alongside their Palestinian brothers and sisters!

****For the immediate recognition of all the armed forces of the Palestine resistance against fascist Zionist forces under the command of Obama-Bush!***

****For international brigades of the workers organizations around the world to fight next to the Palestine resistance to defeat the invading Zionist troops in the Palestine nation!***

****For an international day of action and a political general strike everywhere in the world in defense of the Palestinian people, for the defeat of the Zionist state of Israel, and for the defeat of the imperialist troops in Iraq and Afghanistan!***

**** For an international day of struggle against the 65 hour working week, against the sackings, suspensions, wage cuts and rising cost of living, so that the capitalists and parasites of the financial capital pay for their own crisis!***

World-wide the working class must stand up and fight. Operation “Cast Lead” can be defeated with the Operation “steel fist” of the international proletariat, so that there are many revolutionary “Greeces”, the ranks of the workers are united against the counter-revolutionary offensive of Obama, Bush, Sarkozy and all the bourgeoisies; a counter-offensive of the masses which makes the parasites of finance capital of Wall Street and other capitalists and governments of the imperialistic powers and the bourgeoisies worldwide, pay for their own crisis. The counter-revolutionary attacks and wars of occupation and destruction will be answered 100 fold by the unity of the international proletariat and the victory of the socialist revolution.



USA: mobilization in San Francisco against the massacre in Gaza

Down with the pacts of Obama, Sarkozy, Zionism, Mubarak and other Arab bourgeoisies that want to make the Palestinian people surrender!

TO BREAK THE ENCLOSURE IMPOSED UPON OUR PALESTINIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF GAZA IS A TASK FOR THE WORLD WORKING CLASS

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On January 18th, the imperialists Sarkozy, Merkel, Zapatero and Brown; the general secretary of that den of thieves which is the UNO; the sepyo Mubarak of Egypt; the equally servile Abdullah, king of Jordan and Abu Mazen representing the Palestinian bourgeoisie of Al Fatah, collaborationist with the Zionist occupant, met in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt. With the tacit support of Obama, who was about to assume the presidency of the United States, that "summit" decided to impose a surrender upon the Palestinian masses under the threat of being swept off the map by the Zionist army, the fifth most powerful in the world, armed up to the teeth by the imperialist powers.

While the Zionist-Fascist state of Israel and the leadership of Hamas announced a ceasefire, Sarkozy and his partners, Germany and Great Britain, announced their intention to send warships to the Mediterranean, off the coast of the occupied Palestine, to guarantee, along with Mubarak, the genocidal blockade to trap the Palestinian masses in Gaza.

In Egypt a counterrevolutionary pact was set up to entrap the Palestinian people of Gaza and to force them to surrender, as they did with the counterrevolutionary pact between Evo Morales and Fascism in Bolivia; and with the pact between Chavez and Uribe, celebrated by the Castroist bureaucracy and all the "Bolivarian" bourgeoisies, to guarantee the surrender and the annihilation of the Colombian resistance.

On the 20th of January, when the workers and exploited masses of Gaza were still searching in the heaps of rubble for the bodies of their massacred parents, husbands, sons and daughters, the Arab bourgeoisies that refused to lift a finger to prevent the massacre, quickly went to meet in Kuwait to "raise funds" to "rebuild Gaza". Cynics, swine! They were rubbing their hands thinking of the juicy business they will get—and how they would divide up the profits for each of the different fractions of the Palestinian bourgeoisie—when the blood

of the massacred workers and people was not yet dry!

For their part, all the treacherous leaders of the world, in the 21 days of the massacre in Gaza only pleaded for the "intervention of the international community" celebrated the pact signed in Egypt, and wanted to make the world proletariat think that this was a "victory for the Palestinian masses". As they did yesterday in Bolivia and Colombia, the labor aristocracies and bureaucracies of all shades, Stalinism and Castroism in their different variants, the troops of the "Bolivarians", and as their rearguard, the renegades of Trotskyism, are all going to play the role of legitimating and guaranteeing the siege against the Palestinian masses and their surrendering. **We can not allow that!**

Down with the counterrevolutionary pacts of Sharm El Sheik, that forced the surrender of the Palestinian masses! Let us break the siege of our Palestinian brothers and sisters of Gaza!

To break that siege is the task of the whole world proletariat. But, without any doubt, the key is the working class of the United States, France, Germany, Spain and the rest of the European powers. **From New York to Paris, from Oakland to Athens and Thessalonica in Greece in rebellion; from Madrid to Berlin, from Rome to Tokyo, from Latin America and the whole world, all pacts forcing the surrender of the Palestinian masses must be attacked, condemned, and defeated!**

Out of Gaza and the Palestinian people, the hands of Obama and the regime of the "Republicrats" of the Yankee imperialism, exploiter of the North American working class, killer of the peoples of the world and creator of the Zionist-Fascist state of Israel! Out of Gaza the hands of Sarkozy and French imperialism, killer of one million Algerians in the 60s and killer of the exploited masses in the Black Africa today! Out of Gaza and from the Palestinian people the hands of Merkel, Berlusconi, the British oppressors and all the imperialist powers! Out with the hands of the sepyo Mubarak, of

the Jordan monarchy and all of the Arab and Islamic bourgeoisies of the Middle East!

The working class power to defeat the pacts and to break the siege already exist in the Greek rebellion, in the strength of hundreds of thousands of workers that demonstrated in the United States, London, Paris and other imperialist capitals, and above all, in the million of exploited people that under the cry of "Arms for Palestine", "Down with the coward Arab governments", "Brigades to go to fight in Gaza", are ready to enter in the combat from Algeria, to Pakistan, from Morocco to Iraq, from Egypt itself to Lebanon. The necessity is to break with the bourgeoisie and with the treacherous leaderships of the working class that force it to submit to the exploiters in each country.

Unite the Palestinian masses in a single national war against the genocidal occupation Zionist army! **For a Palestinian National Assembly of armed workers and peasants in Gaza, the West Bank, the millions of Palestinian Arabs in Jerusalem, Haifa and other Palestinian cities occupied by Zionism, and the Palestinian masses of Jordan and the south of Lebanon!**

From Jordan to Egypt, from Morocco to Iraq, from Algeria to Pakistan, Let's break with the bourgeoisie and for a revolution of the masses of the whole Middle East!

- **For the military defeat and the expulsion of the imperialist troops from Iraq, Afghanistan and the whole Middle East!**

- **For the destruction of the Zionist-Fascist state of Israel by a victorious insurrection of the masses, to create a workers' and peasants' government which guarantees a secular, democratic and non-racist Palestine, the only one that can allow the peaceful cohabitation of all the peoples of the region!**

- **For the expropriation of the imperialist oil-companies, enterprises and banks in the region! For a Federation of Socialist Republics of the Middle East!**

OUTCASTS IN THEIR OWN LAND

60 years of massacres and extermination on the part of the fascist-Zionist State of Israel; 60 years of Palestinian working class and people struggle for the liberation of their occupied nation

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Palestine was an English colony until middle twentieth century. When England began to decline and retreat from the territories it controlled after the Second World War, USA took the control of them. Imperialist powers led by USA did not keep Palestine like a protectorate but they created the State of Israel. They hid behind the "humanitarian" action of giving land to a "nation" that would have lost it, the settlement of a military device to control the oppressed masses in Middle East and Magreb (North of Africa) – that started a revolutionary process of struggle to liberate their nations from the Britain and French colonization- and reassure for themselves the access to the routes of oil and the control of them.

*"I feel that the president (of USA) will be the new Moshe who will give birth to the child of Israel in the desert"*¹. A US congressional representative said it after a meeting with the president of USA.

US imperialism, the "new and democratic Moshe" backed and backs economically and militarily the creation and settlement of the fascist-Zionist State of Israel. The myth of the Israeli "miracle" is based on the US financial support. Imperialism has supported Zionism in the creation and maintenance of the Israeli State. Zionism is a movement led by the Jewish financial bourgeoisie, the same that, like the magnate Rothschild, financed the fascist German state without hesitation in the middle of the XX century.

Zionism emerged in Europe at the end of the past century under the flag of: "a people without land for a land without people" and they chose Palestine because of the biblical "traditions". The great Jewish financial bourgeoisie from the first time supported this movement. This bourgeoisie supported the creation of a "nation" for their brothers in Palestine since they feared that the current of Jewish migration from the East Europe into the West



Refugees camps of the Palestinian expelled from their lands in 1948

Europe caused by misery and starvation may provoke an anti-Semitism wave and at the same time it was a way to take the poor masses far from the revolutionary influence and agitation.

Zionism was a phenomenon opposed to that of the European Jewish intellectuals and workers who hugged the cause of the working class and participated in the revolutionary struggle in Europe falling under fascism and developed revolutionary upheavals like the one of the Warsaw ghetto.

The Zionist bourgeoisie that had looked for support in England (the "previous Moshe") knew that despite the English victory, the UK came weakened from the Second World War. Thus, Zionism looked for the "new Moshe", US imperialism, that created the Zionist-fascist, racist State of Israel imposing an imperialist enclave fully armed by USA as a "gendarme" in the region. In that way, the Zionist lie of "a land for a people that had lost it" became a reality.

And to fulfill this plan, it was necessary to expel the vast majority of Palestinians and expropriate their possessions. *"When we occupy the land...we will expropriate the private*

*property little by little in the designated State. We will try to disappoint the low-incomes population leaving them far from the frontier, seeking for jobs for them in intermediate countries and denying them jobs in our country...The process of expropriation and elimination of poor must be carry out discreetly and circumspectly"*², one of the founding fathers of Zionism, Theodor Herzl, said.

In 1.947, November 29th, the establishment of the State of Israel was "legitimized" with the votes of UN-imperialism's ministry of colonies that approved the bombing over Iraq, Kosovo and Serbia and supported the England's attacks on Malvinas (Argentina) (the so called Falkland islands)-. UN masks the defence of imperialism's interests and approves all the bloody military interventions in the world by using the argument "in defense of democracy" and "unity of the world community".

The creation of the Israeli State had also the collaboration of the Stalinist bureaucracy that supported the partition and occupation of Palestine. Thus, in Middle East, the treacherous Stalinist bureaucracy fulfilled with the counter-

revolutionary pact of Yalta signed in agreement with the US and Britain imperialisms at the end of the Second World War .

THE EXTERMINATION AND EXPULSION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM THEIR OWN NATION

This resolution and the new plan of occupation and settlement of a Jewish State in Israel was possible because of the terrible defeat over the heroic Palestinian insurrection of 1.936/ 39 when Palestinian masses fought against the French and English imperialisms. To smash such insurrection that had started with a general strike that lasted 6 months, imperialism used half of the soldiers of the entire English army, which was one of the most powerful forces in the world at that moment. Thousands of Palestinians were killed, detained and sentenced to be hung or in prison.

But the Palestinian people began to fight again in 1947 against the partition and occupation of their nation on the part of the Zionist state. Strikes and demonstrations took place.

The "new Moshe" and the fascist Zionism launched a terrorist campaign to squash the resistance of Palestinian people. "The only solution is a Palestine or at least a west Palestine without Arabs... and the only option is to transfer all the Arabs from here to neighboring countries, all must be transferred: no tribe or village must stay here" ³. The fascist plan was applied systematically by massacring village by village, house by house, and factory by factory. For example, in December 31st, 1947, in Haifa oil refinery where Arab and Jewish workers were fighting together against the imperialist boss, a command of Irgun⁴ bombed and machine-gunned a queue of Arab workers down who were at the door of the refinery to work. Hundreds of workers were dead and injured.

In April 9th, 1948, special commandoes of Hagana (Zionist "extra-official" army) took the village of Deir Yassin and went house by house throwing grenades inside them killing the survivors by cutting their throat. They exterminated all the civilian population: children, women and people in their old age mostly.

The leader of the terrorist Zionist organization, Irgun, Menachem Begin, - then, he was Israeli prime minister-

described this plan as follow: "*All the Jewish forces advanced through Haifa as a knife in the butter. Arabs got into panic and ran away shouting: Deir Yassin! ...This mass exodus became soon a mad and uncontrolled run-away*".

In May 14th, 1948, the State of Israel was proclaimed on the base of the extermination and expelling of millions of Palestinians.

THE "ARAB-ISRAELI" WAR OF 1948-49

Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, and other Arab countries declared the war to the state of Israel. USA, Great Britain, France, with the back of their servants the Stalinist bureaucracy fully armed the Zionist army. To show loyalty to the Yalta and Potsdam pact and their counterrevolutionary role, Stalinist bureaucracy sent arms and planes for the Zionist through Czechoslovakia. In that way, one of the blackest pages of the Stalinist betrayal to the world revolution was written.

After some months of struggles, in 1949, the conventional armies of the Arab countries suffered a humiliating defeat in the so-called "Arab-Israeli" war. As a result, the State of Israel ended occupying completely Palestinian nation, except a small Strip of the West Bank and Belen that according to the UN resolution, along side East Jerusalem must be left under the jurisdiction of the coward Jordan bourgeoisie and its bloody monarchy.

It was impossible to defeat militarily, in a war of conventional armies, the Zionist state armed and supported financially by all the imperialist powers. To win the war and stop the imposition of the fascist-Zionist State of Israel it was necessary to stir up a revolt among the working class and exploited masses of the entire Middle East and arm them-in first place, the refuge Palestinian masses in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, etc.- from Egypt to Iraq in a single National war against the Zionist occupier and their imperialist masters.

But the coward Arab bourgeoisies never could have done it. Like any national bourgeoisie, that is any boss class, junior partner of imperialism-, the Arab bourgeoisies felt and feel more fear for the anti-imperialist and revolutionary struggle of the masses than for the imperialism and its Zionist gendarme. Because they know that the



Founding of the Zionist-Fascist state of Israel, under the picture of Teodore Herzl

armed working class and exploits will not limit the struggle to the expulsion and expropriation of the imperialists but they will also attack the properties of the national bourgeoisies.

Thus, the Arab bourgeoisie gave the first of many stabs in the back of Palestinian people. And they sold off Palestinian people to the imperialist capital system. Moreover, they annexed for themselves the only lands left to Palestinian people: Egypt annexed for itself the Gaza Strip and Jordan the West Bank.

THE PALESTINIAN "NAKBA"

The "land without people" claimed by Zionism was fabricated with a true Holocaust ("Nakba") against Palestinian people. Then, the Israeli State applied "the property law of absent people" according to which the Palestinian who was "absent" lost all his properties since they were abandoned. For the only fact of being from Palestine, all the rights to have properties and other rights were lost. They denied the rights to Palestinians who have been living there for centuries. On the contrary, the rights were only reserved to the Jewish inhabitants in spite of the fact that they had never lived in Palestine. They transformed Palestinian working class and people into foreigners and pariahs in their own land.

THE 1967 AND 1973 WARS: THE ZIONIST STATE LOOKING FOR LAND, WATER AND PALESTINIAN SLAVES

As an imperialist enclave, the Zionist State of Israel was built on the base of the expelling of Palestinians and the mass implantation of a population whose origins were Jewish with Zionist convictions. They were transplanted artificially from different parts of the world: USA, Argentina, Germany,



Deir Yassin massacre

above all from the East European States transformed in deformed worker states after the Second World War from which thousands of Jewish bourgeoisies and petty bourgeoisies run away because of the expropriation of the bourgeoisies in those nations. The last Jews “ashkenazi” compose today the bourgeois elite of the Zionist state.

To shelter so large population, the Zionist state needed and needs more land and sources of water. After expelling or transforming Palestinians in pariahs in their own lands, the Zionist state needed Palestinians like slave labor force in its factories, the imperialist transnationals, the construction of ways and aqueduct, etc., and in its lands.

To achieve these and assure its role of imperialist gendarme in the region, this imperialist enclave impelled a series of wars. The first war was pushed from behind by the Britain and French imperialisms in 1956 against Egypt when Nasser just ended the nationalization of the Suez Channel. It occupied immediately the Sinai Peninsula although it retreated from there once ended the war.

In 1967, the Zionist State of Israel launched the so-called “6 day’s war” against Egypt. In that war, it occupied again the Sinai Peninsula and arrived to 100 kilometers from The Cairo. Once ended the war, it retreated but it took the Gaza Strip and its Palestinian refugee population settled in camps; it also appropriated the West Bank and



Eastern Jerusalem destroyed by Zionism during the 1967 war

took the control of the East Jerusalem assuring for them millions of Palestinians to exploit like slave labor force. At the same time, they guaranteed for themselves the most important sources of water by the occupation of Syrian territory of the so-called Golan Heights, and Jordan River that separates the West Bank to Jordan.

The bourgeois Egypt of Anwar El Sadat, in 1973, tried to regain Gaza Strip in the so-called war “Iom Kippur war” (Jewish new year). After being defeated by the Zionist state fully armed by imperialism, Sadat was the first bourgeois governor of Middle East who recognized the fascist-Zionist State of Israel. Another stab in the backs of the Palestinian people, working class, and exploited masses of the entire Middle East.

THE ROLE OF THE ARAB BOURGEOISIES IN THE MASSACRES AGAINST PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

To fulfill its plan, the Zionist state became allied with the bourgeois Arab governments like the one of Egypt- as we have already seen it-, Lebanon and Jordan. In September 1970, the king Hussein of Jordan killed 20.000 Palestinian refugees just when the Israeli forces backed by US navy in the Mediterranean bombed them.

In 1982, more than 1000 Palestinian refugees –mostly children and women – were killed in the camps of Sabra and Chatilla in Beirut during an operative led by the Zionist general Ariel Sharon who was at that moment the Israeli ministry of defense, and Sharon led his allies: the Falangist militias organized by the bourgeois fraction of the Lebanon Christian maronita minority. After this massacre, the Zionist state occupied the south of the Lebanon until the year 2000.

1987-1993: THE HEROIC RESISTANCE OF THE “INTIFADA” AND THE IMPOSITION OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY AGREEMENTS OF OSLO

Massacred, exiled and jailed in true ghettos and condemn to live as pariahs in their own land, the Palestinian people suffered one of the biggest genocide in this century. But it is also one of the most heroic struggle of the international proletariat: the unruling struggle and resistance of the Palestinian working class and people to liberate their nation



The Egyptian Anwar el Sadat with president Carter and Zionist Begin

occupied by the Zionist gendarme.

Without doubt, the so-called “Intifada” -war of stones – that began in 1986-87 is one of the most important episodes. They were over 7 years of resistance struggle of the exploited Palestinians. Every day, children from the age of 8 or 9, the youth, adults, women, elder people faced the Zionist army in the Palestinian camps and ghettos armed with stones since there were and there are stones in abundance in the sterile and deserted lands of the “bantustans” in which they are confined.

Once again, in the Intifada the ominous role of the national bourgeoisies was clear, with OLP and Arafat at the head. First, they “glorify” the Intifada resistance from the exile in Tunes but they were very carefully to guarantee the masses continued disarming and kept having only stones in their hands to face the tanks, missiles and sophisticated armament of the Zionist state. But even in that way, when the Zionist state was unable to control the mass rebellion that threatened to become a revolutionary and offensive struggle, the national bourgeoisies stabbed again in the back of the Palestinian people.

In 1993, after the destruction of Iraq by bombings in the first Golfo war, we witnessed the imposition of the counter-revolutionary Oslo agreements in which Arafat and the OLP sold off the historical struggle for the destruction of the fascist-Zionist state of Israel – that is, the struggle for the liberation of Palestine-. They negotiated to be the fraction of the Palestinian bourgeoisie in charge of enslaving Palestinian people in the concentration camps of Gaza and the West Bank. All those events were presented as steps towards the “conquest” of one “Palestinian State” coexisting with the Zionist state of Israel usurper of the Palestinian territory. In that way, a huge counterrevolutionary device, apart from the Zionist state, was imposed to stragulate the Palestinian resistance.

2000-2002: THE MAGNIFICENT REVOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN MASSES; THE REVOLUTION STRANGLERED BY ARAFAT AND THE OLP, AND THE SMASH OF IT BY THE GENOCIDAL ARMY OF SHARON AND BUSH

Palestinian masses provoked the burst of the counterrevolutionary pact of Oslo when in September 2000, they opened their heroic revolution taking and occupying the police stations of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in the West Bank, disarming the police and arming themselves re-taking the national struggle against the Zionist occupier.

That great revolution- that lighted up the beginning of the XXI century- was strangled from inside by the Palestinian bourgeoisie. A new stab in the back of Palestinian people who were fighting for the national liberation. But Arafat and company did not achieve with their class collaboration and conciliation policy with the Zionist occupier was to disarm the Palestinian masses of the camps who had established a double power regime.

As their agent, the Palestinian bourgeoisie, failed in disarming Palestinian masses, imperialism and the Zionist army took that task in their hands.

In 2002, after massacring in Afghanistan and while preparing the war in Iraq, the genocidal army of Sharon and Bush launched a brutal attack on Palestinian cities and camps in the West Bank. The resistance of the combatants of those Palestinian camps and cities was heroic. They had only fusils to face the planes and tanks, etc., of the Zionist army. Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarem, Ramallah, Hebrón and the other Palestinian cities were reduced to rubble, thousands of combatants included children, and women were hampered by wreckage while Arafat and the "ministers" of the so-called Palestinian National Authority were kept out of danger in the "head office" in Ramallah.

The vile defeat symbol of this heroic revolution is, without doubt, the wall of the shame with which the concentration



Intifada in 1987

camp in the West Bank was sieged. The wall was built using concrete provided by the State of Israel and the own Palestinian bourgeoisie and constructed by Palestinian slave workers who were guarded by fascist soldiers of the Zionist army.

THE PLAN OF "THE ROAD MAP" FAILED BECAUSE OF THE STUCK OF THE US TROOPS CAUSED BY THE HEROIC IRAQI RESISTANCE

On the base of that defeat, the imperialist powers along side Arafat and Al Fatah started to plan the new counterrevolutionary pact: "The Road Map" which deepened the imposition of a caricature of a "Palestinian State" in the West Bank and Gaza, that is, in two concentration camps surrounded by the Zionist army without territorial continuity.

This new plan was supported by the imperialist governments and shamelessly by the renegades of Trotskyism of the US.-Unified Secretariat- whose "Eurodiputes" Krivine and the others voted in favor of such a plan in that then of thieves: the European "parliament". But the plan failed because of the heroic Iraqi resistance that made US troops stuck.

The national war of Palestinians and the south Lebanon masses that defeated the Zionist state in 2006 was also a combat against "The Road Map" plan.

FASCISM, POPULAR FRONT AND THE NATIVE BOURGEOISIES BARGAINING WITH IMPERIALISM

We have witnessed again fascism, the popular front and the native "nationalist" bourgeoisies in action again bargaining with imperialism to stop that the military defeat of Zionism in the south of the Lebanon may cause the opening of the Palestinian revolution.

Thus, from 2006-2007 in the West Bank a classic popular front was imposed -that is, with imperialism directly behind it- composed by Al Fatah and Abu Mazen, backed by the CP of Palestine, who acted as jailers of their own people and agreed pact with the fascist-zionist state.

In Gaza, an administration of Hamas was imposed to contain the mass insurrection that had overthrown Al Fatah in May-June 2007. That is, an administration of the other fraction of the Palestinian bourgeoisie that throwing bombs and controlling the masses

tries to negotiate with imperialism and its Zionist gendarme so that they may play the role of jailer of their own people like Al Fatah in the West Bank.

Palestine has undergone Popular front in the West Bank, administration of the concentration camp in the hands of the native bourgeoisie in Gaza, fascism -the Zionist state imposing a blockade and complete siege against Gaza to break the Palestinians by hunger since they had dared to overthrow and expel the collaborationist bourgeoisie of Al Fatah-. This has prepared the present offensive of Zionism and the conditions for the counterrevolutionary pacts that today Sarkozy, Mubarak, the Iranian ayatollah, the UN and Obama are ready to apply.

But even under these conditions, Palestinian masses have not given up. In February 2008, a heroic uprising of Palestinian working class and exploits in Gaza after two years of total blockade demolished the wall of Rafah to stop famine, break the siege and unify their struggle with Egyptian workers and exploits that were living a true proletariat boom against the dictatorial regime and government of the repressor Mubarak.

Once again, the national bourgeoisies stabbed them in their backs. The Rafah wall has been rebuilt by Mubarak and its Egyptian army and Hamas guaranteeing again to confine Palestinian masses within Gaza Strip, a true open air concentration camp that today has been reduced to rubble by the genocide attack on the part of Obama-Bush and the fascist-Zionist state of Israel.

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THE ROLE OF THE UTTERLY REACTIONARY ISLAMIC NATIONAL BOURGEOISIES

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Mientras el ejército sionista reducía a escombros la Franja de Gaza, asesinado a cerca de 1500 trabajadores y explotados, en su mayoría ancianos, mujeres y niños, las burguesías islámicas de Medio Oriente como Hizbollah o los ayatollahs iraníes y el gobierno de Ahmadinejad, se llenaban la boca con discursos amenazando al sionismo con que "Gaza iba a ser su tumba", llamando a la "jihad" y demás.

Pero más allá de estos discursos encendidos prometiendo la "madre de todas las batallas –como ayer lo hiciera Saddam Hussein- no enviaron ni pusieron a disposición de las masas palestinas ni un fusil –ni hablar ya de misiles, en el caso de Hizbollah, ni de aviones, tanques y tropas del ejército iraní-, no han tocado una sola propiedad o interés imperialista en la región, ni han llamado a la clase obrera y las masas a hacerlo, y por supuesto, ni pensar en que armarán a las masas para transformar la heroica resistencia palestina, iraquí y afgana en una sola y única guerra nacional para destruir al estado sionista-fascista de Israel y para derrotar y expulsar a las tropas imperialistas de Irak, Afganistán y de toda de la región.

While the Zionist army destroyed the Gaza Strip, killing almost 1500 workers and exploiters, most of them elder people, women and children, the Islamic bourgeoisies of Middle East, like Hizbollah or the Iranian Ayatollahs and the government of Ahmadinejad threatened Zionism saying that "Gaza was going to be its grave! Calling "jihad" and others

Even though, their speeches promising the "mother of all the combats –as it was done by Saddam Hussein yesterday - they did not send, nor put on disposition of Palestine masses at least one weapon –nor missiles of Hizbollah army, nor planes or tanks or troops of the Iranian army- they have not touched a single property or imperialist interest in the region, they haven't called the working class and masses to do it, and of course they haven't armed their



Iranian president Ahmadinejad with Chávez

masses to transform the Palestine, Iraqi, Afghan resistance into a single and unique national war to destroy the Zionist-fascist Israeli state and to defeat and expel the imperialist troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and the whole region. That is because those are no other than sector of the national bourgeoisies of the semi-colonies in Middle East –which are actually small partners to imperialism; Islamic fundamentalism is the weapon they have to prevent the proletariat from self organize independently, arm itself all over the region in the process.–In spite of that, these bourgeoisies and imperialism have not been able to prevent the just hatred and the increasingly anti-imperialist conscience of Middle Eastern, Magrebi and Central Asian workers and peasants from expressing themselves although in a twisted form, through the same Islamic movement.

THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST MOVEMENT WAS PROMOTED BY THE IMPERIALIST POWERS IN ORDER TO CONTAIN MIDDLE EASTERN WORKING CLASS AND POPULAR MASSES WHEN SECULAR NATIONALISM SHOWED SIGNS OF HAVING LOST ITS POPULARITY AFTER THE WAR

The surge of the Islamic fundamentalist movement was thoroughly promoted by the imperialist powers them-

selves beginning in the '70s and '80s, as a means of containing and controlling the working class in the Arab nations as the old bourgeois secular nationalist leaderships –as Nasserism in Egypt, the National Liberation Front in Algiers, etc.- as well as the Stalinist CP in the region, showed signs of erosion and exhaustion in their role of control on the masses.

During the 2WW and its aftermath, the breaches opened by the inter-imperialist confrontation created the conditions for the beginning of a struggle for the national liberation of the colonies in Middle East and northern Africa which soon expressed itself and continued in a process of fighting and upheavals of the young and vigorous proletariat of these nations. Taking advantage of these breaches being opened by the inter-imperialist disputes and widened by the revolutionary struggle of the masses, the classical nationalist-bourgeois movements popped up, as Nasserism in Egypt (Peronism in Argentina, Getulio Vargas in Brazil, MNR in Bolivia were some other expressions of that phenomenon).

Those nationalist movements were the expression of sectors of the national bourgeoisies of those semicolonial –that is, oppressed- countries, plenty of natural sources –notably oil and gas. Those

national bourgeoisies, being as they are half exploiters of their "own" proletariat, and also half exploited by imperialist financial capital and monopolies (which take the biggest share of the countries' national surplus value and oil revenues) took advantage of the breaches opened between the different imperialist powers and due to the masses' struggles and tried to haggle a better share in the oil business and of the national surplus value. In order to achieve that they used to blackmail imperialism with the mobilization and the struggles of the working class and the masses, and took some limited measures as the nationalization of oil –though paying the "expropriated" monopolies juicy compensations that were paid in turn by the masses with super exploitation and heavy suffering- while they exerted a very tight control of the working class, through the cooptation of their unions to the bourgeois state. In that these bourgeois governments had the willing collaboration of Stalinism.

So along the '50s and the first years of the '60s, bourgeois nationalism emerged and put in place a peculiar kind of governments, sui generis Bonapartist governments, that is, governments that act as arbiters between those two colossus confronting each other in the semi-colonial nations: imperialism and the working class heading the oppressed nation. That middleman's role is the reason why those governments succeed for only a short period: when the revolutionary struggle of the masses put in peril the properties and the rule of those national bourgeoisies they align with and surrender to the discipline of imperialism –which sometimes uses some blasts and shootings in order to make those bourgeoisies behave themselves!- and then they use to smash the workers and peoples unmercifully. Thus all the bourgeois nationalist movements of that period –Bolivian MNR, Argentinean Peronism, Algerian NLF, etc.- are today faithful agents to the service of imperialism.

Along that period, the imperial powers –and fundamentally US imperialism, that had come out of the war as the dominant power- controlled Middle East, a key region in the oil routes and reserves, with its two main gendarmes heavily armed, that is the Zionist-fascist State of Israel, smashing the Palestinian people (inserted as a stab between the north of Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and the Mediterranean Sea) and the regime of Iranian Shah, Reza Pahlavi,

controlling the passage between Middle East and Central Asia, where in those days there were the Islamic republics of the USSR; besides there was the Stalinist bureaucracy of the USSR who after supporting the creation of the State of Israel, was containing the nationalist bourgeois movements as in Syria and India, in order to prevent the struggle for the national liberation of the working classes of the region to evolve into a proletarian revolution. That was ultimately the expression in Middle East of the Yalta Pacts –a pact to choke the world revolution: while imperialism was controlling the masses by means of its direct gendarmes, the Stalinist bureaucracies contained the proletarian revolution by supporting bourgeois nationalist movements which exerted a tight control on the working class.

On top of all this there was the utterly reactionary monarchy of Saudi Arabia, a country where the sacred Mecca of the Moslems and other holy places are situated who was the basis for an imperialist policy of packing the Middle East with mesquites (remember that the Koranic schools known as "madrassas" and the Taliban version of Islam have their origin in the Sunni cult sponsored by the Saudi dynasty that has financed them openhandedly.) This big counterrevolutionary device meant to smash the Middle East masses and to control the oil routes was the expression in that region of the post war "Pax Americana".

AS IT SUFFOCATED RUTHLESSLY THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION IN 1979, THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST MOVEMENT DISPLAYED FOR THE ANTI-WORKING CLASS, ABSOLUTELY REACTIONARY ROLE

As we have said above, it is mainly from the '70s that the Islamic fundamentalist movement emerges as a new leadership of the masses to control them when the nationalist bourgeois movements showed their influence was eroding and afterwards turned into uncritical, faithful agents of imperialism. The emergence of this fundamentalism was a response to the revolutionary struggle of the masses; in the first place to the struggle of the Palestinian working class and people that started an upheaval not only in Palestine but also in Lebanon and Jordan, and transformed itself into the vanguard of the anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist struggle.

That Palestinian grandiose upheaval was smashed by the State of Israel and its Zionist army in Palestine; by the Syrian bourgeoisie who massacred that people in Lebanon and by King Hussein in Jordan who repressed the Palestinian refugee camps there murdering about 20.000 workers and peasants.

Meanwhile US imperialism had just finished disciplining the Egyptian national bourgeoisie that had been so impudent as to nationalize the Suez channel; then that imperialism began to breed the Islamic fundamentalist movement to control the masses.

But the place where imperialism was obliged to use for the first time thoroughly the utterly reactionary Islamic bourgeoisie was to defuse the grandiose revolution of the Iranian proletariat and exploited masses who in 1979 dethroned that gendarme of imperialism's, the regime of the Shah. They put in place their own worker, peasant and soldiers' councils –the *shora*-, outstripping the control of the Iranian CP (Tudeh) which like all the CPs of the region had been eroded by its contention of the revolution along the entire post war period.

Then, that Islamic movement –an expression of the commercial and landowner sectors of the native bourgeoisies, with an essentially peasant social base – that imperialism had been sponsoring to have it ready in a sticky situation, emerged as a new counterrevolutionary intermediary to prevent the triumph of the proletarian revolution and smash the working class with civil



Osam Bin Laden: the "guerrilla for freedom" in the '80s, became a "terrorist" in the 21st Century

war methods. It was that sector of the bourgeoisie headed by the Ayatollah Khomeini¹, which strangled the Iranian revolution, massacring with its armed gangs –the “mujaideen” or “God’s warriors”- more than 200.000 workers, the best part of the revolutionary vanguard of the workers’ councils (shora).

In order to squash the great revolution that had liquidated one of its main gendarme, US imperialism set up new counterrevolutionary devices during the 80’s: USA has armed Saddam Hussein and the bourgeoisie of the Party of Bath in Iraq so that they squash, firstly, the struggle of the Iraqi oil workers and destroy the trade unions and launch a fratricide war against Iran, causing more than a million of deaths.

THE ROLE OF THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM IN THE 80’S

Meanwhile, on the eastern border of Iran, imperialism utilized Afghanistan as a counterrevolutionary buffer to prevent the impulse of the Iranian revolution to penetrate the URSS through the Islamic Republics of the USSR in Central Asia and cause the start of the political revolution against the Stalinist bureaucracy; the latter had began a clear course towards capitalist restoration. Thus while Reagan and Thatcher put in the Kremlin their direct agent, Gorbachev, they created, financed and armed in Afghanistan the “mujaideen militia” (the same Taliban, Ben Laden & Co., who they present today as the “public enemy n° one”) to defeat the Red Army, demoralize its base and help discipline the Stalinist bureaucracy to transform it in a docile direct, restorationist agent.

The defeat of the Red Army was also the deliberate policy of Gorbachev’s and the bureaucracy in the Kremlin that were already direct agents of the capitalist restoration. The myth of an inexpugnable Afghanistan was created by the Stalinist bureaucrats to hide that the soviet soldiers, frozen to death and starving, deserted by the thousands, leaving on the battlefield their weapons and their tanks to the mujaideen that the CIA had armed, trained, paid and feed. The “inexpugnable” Afghanistan is a true myth because that war could have been won by the USSR worker-state almost without shooting, only by means of sending propagandists with loudspeakers, if the Red Army would have

been the armed branch of a revolutionary proletarian dictatorship.

That is, if a political revolution had triumphed in the former USSR; if for a starter the soviet workers and masses would have called the soldiers in the Red Army to form soldiers’ councils to behead the caste of restorationist officers- all of them would have been able to throw down the bureaucracy and put in place again the revolutionary soviets as an spearhead of the world revolution. Because only that kind of Red Army (i.e. a revolutionary army as an extension of a revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat) could have expropriated the landowner bourgeoisie in Afghanistan (the social layer that has given birth to the Taliban today, which in those times were “mujaideen militia” –“freedom fighters” trained and paid by the CIA), nationalizing the land and giving it to the poor peasants and the dispossessed, winning over the support of the exploited masses; if a revolutionary Red Army would have done so, the supposedly “valiant”, “ruthless”, “indomitable” brigades of mujaideen wouldn’t have lasted a week.

Therefore the criminal military policy of the Kremlin in Afghanistan was absolutely deliberate, a part of a wider plan agreed on with US-UK imperialism. The defeat and disbanding of the “Red Army” was a fundamental piece in the world imperialist jigsaw to reinforce and accelerate the transformation of the restorationist soviet bureaucracy into bourgeoisie.

The Taliban regime imposed in the 90’s was a by-product of that counterrevolutionary triumph of imperialism in Afghanistan, a triumph that was strengthened with the defeat and abortion of the processes that marked the start of the political revolution from 1989 on and the imposition of the restoration of capitalism in the former worker-states; and later on with the demolition of Iraq in the Gulf War.

So in the ‘80s, Afghanistan was a counterrevolutionary buffer to prevent the Iranian revolution from sending a strong signal to the Islamic nations of the former USSR, and so giving birth to a political revolution in them; in 1989 and the early ‘90s Afghanistan it was also a buffer but in a reverse direction: it was meant to prevent the political revolution that had began –under the form of a national struggle in the Islamic peoples in the Caucasus and southern USSR - blowing up the “prison of

nations”² that the USSR was under Stalin and his successors could infect the Middle East working class and exploited masses, particularly the heroic Palestine of the *Intifada*.

That is why, and against all the social democratic usurpers of the Fourth International who cackled as idiots in the ‘90, saying that imperialism would be weakened due to the fall of the world Stalinist apparatus and the masses would have a handicap in their favor to make the revolution, the emergence of the Islamic movement lead by sectors of the native bourgeoisies (ayatollahs, mullahs, ulemas, etc.) as counterrevolutionary device to prevent the revolution of the working class and the Middle Eastern masses and the Arabic and Muslim world, confirms the maxim that Imperialist financial capital creates and re-creates time and again old and new bourgeois, petty-bourgeois or bureaucratic (union) leaderships of the masses, etc. which it buys and pays, without which the rule of a bunch of parasites over the thousands of million exploited could not last a single minute.

UNDER THE HEAT OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS OF 1997-2001, OUT OF THE BREACHES OPENED BY THE INTER-IMPERIALIST DISPUTES AROUND THE OIL RUTES, AND DUE TO THE EMERGENCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE MASSES, AN ISLAMIC BOURGEOIS NATIONALIST MOVEMENT IS EMERGING

So the same Bin Laden or the Taliban that the imperialist propaganda presented and presents today as the “public enemy number one”, are nothing but those sectors of the Arab Islamist national bourgeoisies that were utilized by imperialism to smash the working classes and the masses of the region. Far from being “backward and obscurantist” tribesmen, they are –as the Taliban- bourgeois landowners; or –as Ben Laden, who is an engineer, an university graduate and the son of a very rich Saudi contractor who in the ‘70s had the whole of the contracts to build and maintain the mesquites, the holy places of Islam and the US military bases in Saudi Arabia. Ben Laden is the expression of a generation of children of those layers of new rich created by the oil boom of the ‘70s whom the Saudi Monarchy has left out of or displaced from the oil and construction businesses as the crisis was gradually



Nasrallah, Hezbollah chief, with president Ahmadinejad from Iran

permeating the kingdom. Therefore, they lost the possibility of being small partners of imperialism

Since 1997-2001, out of the Breaches opened by the inter-imperialist disputes and the oil routes, and due to the emergence of the irruption Palestine revolution from 2000, we are again witnessing the emergence of sectors of the national bourgeoisie which taking advantage of the breaches opened by the disputes among the imperialists over the exploitation of oil and gas, and using the upheaval of the masses- try to haggle with the imperialist powers. This is the case of Chavez and the “Bolivarian” bourgeoisie of Latin America as well as the Islamic bourgeoisie in Middle East, that they even used terrorist methods, to achieve their objectives they draw on the mobilization of the masses as a means of blackmailing imperialism: they also make use of terrorist attacks.

During the first period of 21st century, we could see new intents of imposing sui-generis Bonapartist governments. But different from the post war nationalist movements that sought their support in the working class—which at the same time they controlled tightly-today in Middle East we are talking of landowner or displaced bourgeoisies that have fundamentally the peasantry as their social base.

Islamic fundamentalism, even in its most extreme expressions—as the executions and mutilations, in the case of the Taliban- is only the form attained by the mechanisms of control and disciplining through terror of the proletariat

of the Arab and Moslem nations; an itinerant working class which goes from oil well to oil well, from country to country, working for ten cents a day; that is overexploited by the oil and construction imperialist companies and also by these lackey national bourgeoisies that are small partners to the former.

This is a form of keeping controlled this over exploited proletariat. The utterly reactionary role of the Islamic bourgeoisie—as shows the aggression war of US imperialism against Afghanistan and Iraq and as it is seen with Palestine today- is to prevent the anti-imperialist, national (liberation) war of the Arab peoples generalizes and expands in a single revolutionary struggle; it is to prevent the arming of the masses and that these dispossess the imperialist monopolies from their properties of the monopolies. These Islamic bourgeoisies prefer a national defeat in the hands of imperialism to the revolutionary mobilization of the masses—which is the only way to defeat the imperialist warmongers-, because they are terrified by the idea of that mobilization opening revolution and civil war, putting at risk their own property and rule.

Thus they can now either push them to use nuclear power against each other when the imperialist powers deem it necessary to have a fratricidal war—as that in Kashmir, though in a wider scale- smash revolutions and discipline the masses; or against a third country, as for example against China, when its proletariat and super exploited peasants by the imperialist monopoly and by the

new restorationist mandarins bourgeoisie, uprising once again giving birth the 4th Chinese Revolution.

In the same way, today they use the Iranian Chiita bourgeoisie and the Ayatollahs’ regime as guarantors of the control over Chiita masses in Iraq so as to control the insurrection with which the Basora workers defeated the Iraqi army at the beginning of this year, to hold the protectorate regime and play a main role for the US imperialism’s plan of withdrawing orderly from Iraq and concentrating all the forces in Afghanistan, as we have explained in the International appeal we have published on DO 34. As we have seen in Lebanon, Hezbollah supports the permanence of imperialist troops of UN in the south of the country, and has integrated with ministers into Sinoria Government—a direct US imperialism agent.

That is why no sector of the national bourgeoisie in the oppressed countries, be them colonial or semicolonial, can carry to the end the struggle for the national independence and for the defeat of imperialism; only the proletariat as the leader of the oppressed nation can achieve totally and effectively the democratic revolutionary objectives that the bourgeoisie cannot already resolve; that is, the breaking with imperialism and the agrarian revolution, by means of throwing down either the Islamic or the secular national bourgeoisies, both lackeys of imperialism, putting in place worker-peasant governments backed by the self organization and the generalized armament of the working class and the masses that break with imperialism, nationalize the land and expropriate both the imperialist monopolies and the national bourgeoisies.

Notes:

1 Khomeini was exiled in Paris, as he had been persecuted by the pro-US Shah. The French government—a rival to Washington-sent him to Teheran, as a helping hand to US imperialism struggling to prevent revolution in West Asia and Middle East. Imperialism of all kinds unite in front of revolution even when they clash again when revolution is ruined

2 In the own words of Lenin and Trotsky, NT

For a mobilisation for an international general strike against the genocide as well as workers sanctions against Israel

January 9, 2009

We salute the masses for turning out in huge numbers (15 000) for the march on the 8th Jan in Cape Town. The turnout was even more remarkable given the fact that the organisers of the protest had not organised a single bus for the march. The few buses that came were spontaneously organised by the respective communities. The Building Women's Activism group, the Anti-War Coalition, the Workers International Vanguard League and other activists present at the previous anti-genocide meeting on 6 Jan 2009 resolved to invite all progressive organizations and interested

individuals to it next meeting. The agenda will be assessing the protest actions thus far as well as preparing for 'Operation End Genocide' phase 2 and 3. This includes stepping up the mobilisation for an international general strike against the genocide as well as workers sanctions against Israel. Phase 3 will involve more direct action protests. Words and statements from the Cosatu, Nactu and Fedusa federations are not enough; we call on all workers to pressurise their respective union leaderships to call for a general strike against the genocide now; the same imperialist banks that benefit from the genocide in Gaza are the same who are starving the workers

in South Africa and the rest of the world; any delay in calling for a general strike will literally be fatal.

We call on the workers in the metal, transport, mining and retail sectors to immediately implement workers' sanctions against Israel. Workers turned away the Chinese ship loaded with arms for Mugabe, workers can turn the taps closed on fascist Israel. Meanwhile Workers International Vanguard League, WIVL, has decided to endorse the call by the Palestinian human rights group Al Haq (literally meaning 'the truth') for an urgent setting up of a war crimes tribunal in the Hague, for the latest attacks

on Palestinians. The International Criminal Court is the defender of the rule of the banks and imperialism in general so we have no confidence that it will deliver justice. However it claims to be a defender of those who seek justice. The appeal to this high court will be a true test of its real role.

We call on the broader workers' movement and the Palestinian solidarity movement in general to assist in all possible ways to have papers urgently drafted and filed at the Hague. A link with the interim report is as follows: http://www.palestinecampaign.org/index7b.asp?m_id=1&11_id=4&12_id=25&Content_ID=388 (Regrettably due to the rapid pace of war crimes, this report is already out of date but does give a startling picture of the genocide).

Lastly we are shocked at the statement by the SA Jewish Board of deputies that they support the attacks on Palestinians. This comes at the time when it is common knowledge that the Israeli army bombed a UN school, knowing full well what its GPS co-ordinates were, killing 40 people, mostly women and children.

It comes at a time when 21 doctors have been killed in Gaza while attending to patients; it comes at a time when it has become the practice of the Israeli army to set up command posts over the wounded and not allow medical care to reach them for 4 or more days; it comes at a time when a UN aid truck carrying food for the almost 1 million Palestinians, who are directly dependent on them, is attacked by the Israeli army, the driver killed and leading to the suspension of food deliveries. These Palestinians are now literally starving to death. We know that the majority of Jews in South Africa would not align themselves with the statement of the Board and we call on them to censure the Board,





to demand an immediate retraction and to come out publicly in opposition to the statement. In addition it is of concern that the Judge Dennis Davies, who sits on one of the highest courts of the land, is also a member of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies. The Judicial Commission sits on their hands and allows a sitting judge to say that he supports the act of war crimes against the innocent. Can any worker expect justice from courts presided over the like of Davies?

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PS: on Sat Morning 10 Jan 2009 there will be a anti-genocide mass picket at the Town Centre Rondo Lane, Mitchell's Plain from 9am. From Monday to Friday next week pickets will intensify in the mornings from 7am to 830am, especially as many more workers will now be back at work.

WE ARE ALL GAZA!

January 11, 2009

A large number of activists and organisations who have been campaigning against the genocide, will be meeting in Cape Town, at Community House 41 Salt River rd, Salt River at 17h30 on Monday 12 January 2009 to discuss concrete solidarity support for the Palestinians under attack.

There has been a call for an international general strike against the genocide. The meeting is open to all activists and interested democratically minded people. Having heard that the Norwegian transport union is giving a lead by already implementing a 2 minute work stoppage each day, and each day the genocide continues, to add an extra 2 minutes, the carrying forward of this campaign throughout South Africa is on the agenda. A press conference will be held at 19h00 on the outcome of the meeting (at the same venue). In the words of the Palestinian General Trade Union, this campaign belongs to us all.

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