

level, including the 1974 Rabat resolutions and the UN General Assembly resolutions of 1975-76, the Day of the Land uprising and the ensuing broad, popular uprisings would not have been possible. By the same token, the Palestinian revolution could not have been so steadfast against the liquidationist projects, especially Camp David and 'autonomy', without the heroic steadfastness of our masses in occupied Palestine. Because of struggle, they were able to bury these projects and isolate those who collaborated with the Jordanian, Egyptian and Zionist regimes in campaigning for these projects.

When Sadat signed the Camp David accords, the Egyptian regime made intense attempts to use some collaborators in the Gaza Strip and West Bank to say yes to these projects...A delegation of collaborators went to Cairo to support Sadat, but the Palestinian, whose knife pierced the traitor Khazandar, put an end to these attempts. The unity of the Palestinian people is reinforced by the unity of the two bases of our people's contemporary struggle, inside and outside occupied Palestine.

Fourth lesson: Land as the central issue

Even before establishing its state in Palestine, the Zionist enemy constantly emphasized the land. This is the central issue in executing the Zionist project for expelling the Palestinian people and burying their national identity, in order to build the Zionist entity on our ruins. This was adopted as the official policy of the Israeli state, whereby successive governments have worked to seize the land and expel our people, using the most horrible methods. The Day of the Land was to confront the enemy plan to seize 21,000 dunums of land in the Galilee and Triangle...Zionism's viciousness in seizing the land is apparent to all. How is it then possible for any sane person to imagine that the Zionist enemy might leave the Palestinian land other than by force. Today, there are those who bemoan the loss of the land. Instead, they should tell us how they can regain the land. They are the ones who tied their fate to the enemy and put all their cards on the table of US solutions.

Fifth lesson: Struggle

In order to preserve their land and retrieve it from the occupation, the Palestinian people have no choice but stubborn, protracted struggle by all means, especially armed struggle. This is the way forward - not running after the mirage of settlements that will only result in damaging the revolution, the PLO, the people and the cause. To those pessimists who are whispering about defeat and surrender, we say: Learn from the experience of the Day of the Land. Our unarmed masses rose up to resist the seizure of the land. They demonstrated, held sit-ins and formed committees to defend the land. Not one method was left untried and thus they set a precedent...

The current conspiracy

This, the 10th anniversary of the Day of the Land, occurs as the Palestinian cause is facing a new chapter in the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary conspiracy which targets the land, the people, the cause, the revolution and the PLO. This chapter is a question of life or death. The future of our struggle depends on how we confront this conspiracy - whether we will be able to harvest the fruits of more than twenty years of struggle in the contemporary Palestinian revolution.

This chapter of the conspiracy has a new political title: Cancelling the PLO to ease the way for a US-Zionist-reactionary settlement of the Palestinian cause, avoiding anything called the PLO. The criminally mistaken, deviating policy fol-

lowed by the PLO leadership after departing from Beirut, especially the divisive Amman PNC and the February 11th accord with King Hussein, led to the PLO's current state of division and weakness. This allowed the enemy camp to hope for complete cancellation of the PLO. This explains King Hussein's February 19th speech and the Israeli authorities' steps to enforce 'autonomy' in one way or another...(Comrade Habash went on to analyze King Hussein's speech and intentions as in his speech on Martyrs' Day, printed in the last issue of *Democratic Palestine*.)

The lessons of the Day of the Land are a practical retort to the Jordanian regime's policies. This experience proved that the land is an essential part of the Palestinian cause, which our people of all national classes and groups, inside and outside Palestine, will rise up to protect. The land, in this context, is not a geographical dimension. This is only for those who want to reduce the Arab-Zionist conflict to a border dispute. The land is the pillar of the Palestinian national identity...It is the foundation for building our independent Palestinian state...

The response to the current situation (after Hussein froze cooperation with the PLO) is reunifying the PLO and restoring it to the national line. The masses can judge every leader and organization by the position they take at this moment of destiny. We cannot possibly restore the PLO to the national line, or reunify it, without cancelling the Amman accord. Yet what was the response of the dominating rightist leadership after King Hussein's speech?...I am sorry to say that their response served to stress their continuation in the same deviating path. Much later, the statement from Tunis came, stressing once again the *la'am* policy of yes and no - the same ambiguity which harmed the Palestinian arena and led it to the traps of deviation and division...Instead of responding to Hussein's all-out war on the Palestinian people and the PLO...the rightist leadership announced adherence to the Amman accord which is the basis for dealing with the US solution. This encouraged the king to take more actions against our people and revolution. Instead of focusing on national unity and the natural alliances of the Palestinian revolution, the rightist leadership resorted to the mediation of the Camp David regime in Egypt, and worked to reestablish links to the Jordanian regime...

Palestinian national unity, which was dealt a severe blow by the deviating right wing when it signed the Amman accord, can only be restored by cancelling this accord, and critically and responsibly reviewing the previous stage and the dangerous, deviating policy. This aims at punishing those responsible and establishing a national program corresponding to the tasks which currently face our people and revolution. This program must be executed by a trustworthy collective leadership...

The struggle for restoring the PLO to the national line remains the concern of the Palestinian national and democratic forces...Today, on the tenth anniversary of the Day of the Land and the first anniversary of the establishment of the Palestine National Salvation Front, we renew the call for a broad national coalition encompassing all Palestinian national forces, organizations and personalities. Such a front should be formed on the basis of cancelling the Amman accord...and restoring the PLO to the national line, hostile to imperialism and Zionism, based on the national consensus platform and the resolutions of the PNC in its legitimate sessions. There must be decisive confrontation to foil the proposed US solutions, and to halt the agents of this plan, inside and outside occupied Palestine. This is the immediate task... ▶