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The US attack on Libya

This year's Day of the Land comes as the imperialist-Zionist attack on the Arab region is escalating, taking the form of direct military aggression and blatant interference by US imperialism. This attack targets not only the Palestinian revolution, but also Libya, Syria and the Lebanese nationalist forces. Nor does it exclude Algeria and Democratic Yemen. Over the last months, US imperialism has assembled its fleet off Libya's shores. It launched a massive international campaign against Libya's revolution. Then, a few days ago, it deliberately and directly attacked...aiming to bring Libya to its knees and prevent it from continuing its supportive role in the ranks of the Arab liberation movement, especially its support to the Syrian-Lebanese-Palestinian triangle of steadfastness. This attack aims at preventing Libya from practicing a policy hostile to imperialism, Zionism and reaction.

Reagan claims that his campaign aims at preventing Libya from fueling what he calls «terrorism». This is a big lie. A year ago, I read a cover article in *Newsweek* magazine...This was before the Rome and Vienna attacks, when the campaign against Libya escalated. The article was about the US administration's approach to getting rid of President Qaddafi. Is this because the US, as it claims, wants to put an end to terrorism? If so, the US would have stopped Israeli terrorism in South Lebanon, and the iron fist policy in occupied Palestine. What the US actually wants is to threaten Libya in order to divert it from supporting the Palestinian revolution, and the Arab and other liberation movements. I therefore declare our absolute solidarity with the steadfastness of the Libyan Jamahiriya in facing US arrogance. We salute our brother, Colonel Moamer Qaddafi, for his heroic stand facing Washington's threats. We salute the people, leadership and revolution of Libya.

In the light of our political reading of the current imperialist attack and its aims, we also salute Syria's steadfastness under the leadership of President Hafez al Assad. There are consecutive Zionist threats aimed at escalating tension and the threat of war, in order to make Syria kneel and divert it from its primary role in confronting US policy in the region. Right now, 1,800 Israeli tanks are amassed in the Golan Heights. Why? 'Israel' follows a policy of preemptive war. If 'Israel' fears that an Arab state is rallying its forces for confronting Israeli aggression and restoring Arab rights, then 'Israel' deems it best to initiate the aggression in order to weaken the Arab force in

question. Based on our understanding of the dialectical link between the Palestinian revolution and the Arab national liberation movement, we in the Palestine National Salvation Front declare that Libya's battle is our battle. Syria's battle is our battle. We will join in this battle with all our capacity. These threats and attacks indicate a new phase in the enemy alliance's aggression on the region. After the dead end reached by the enemy efforts, especially on the Lebanese front with the cancellation of the May 17th accord, and on the Palestinian-Jordanian front, the imperialist-Zionist alliance is escalating its aggression and resorting to acts of piracy.

Lebanon

In Lebanon, there are serious attempts to destroy the nationalist project which made great accomplishments in 1984 and early 1985. The enemy forces are using Lebanon as a gateway for conspiring against Syria in order to drown it in the Lebanese quicksand, as the western media puts it. Lebanon is being used as a gateway for attacking the steadfast Palestinian, Lebanese and Syrian nationalist forces. After attacking the tripartite agreement (for political reform), 'Israel' and its agents escalated their military actions and presence in South Lebanon. On this occasion, we renew our absolute support to the struggle of the Lebanese national and democratic forces for a national democratic solution to the Lebanese crisis...

In view of the nature of the conflict in Lebanon, which targets Syria and the Lebanese nationalists, I was as sorry as you to hear about the fighting which erupted around Sabra and Shatila camps in the last two days...The only available solution for these contradictions is abiding by the June 1985 agreement which ended the tragic camp war. We demand precise implementation of this agreement. I call on all our brothers and comrades, the fighters in Sabra and Shatila and all the camps in Lebanon, to fully sense the great responsibility of protecting the Palestinian armed struggle which must remain in Lebanon in alliance with Syria and the Lebanese national movement to assume their responsibility towards this distressing situation.

The battle

The battle waged by imperialism, Zionism and reaction against the people and national forces in the Arab region is becoming more comprehensive and assuming the form of direct military intervention. This serious threat aims to break the nationalist forces and spread the US option, Camp David, throughout the region. Yet despite the dangers of this battle, despite Palestinian division and the crisis of the Arab national liberation movement and despite the conspiring of the Arab regimes, the Palestinian and Arab masses' potentials will be strong enough to change this gloomy picture. There is evidence of this possibility in the escalation of political, mass and military resistance in occupied Palestine. The Lebanese National Resistance's success in confronting the Zionist-fascist project is also evidence of this possibility. We find evidence in the continuing resistance of the people of Golan, confronting the Zionist enemy and rejecting the plans of Zionization. The heroic February uprising in Egypt, challenging Camp David and its social, political and economic consequences, may be the best evidence of the potentials of the Arab nation. Our Palestinian people, relying on the forces of liberation, peace, progress and socialism, especially our great friend, the Soviet Union, and in joint struggle with the Arab masses, will be able to foil the imperialist-Zionist plan and win their right to liberation, independence, progress, socialism and unity. ●