

of imperialism and has opened his country to the counterrevolutionaries from Afghanistan. The Zia government arrested Comrade Jaru Saqi in December 1978, and a military court convicted him for 10 years in 1979 in Hyderabad, Sind. He was tried in another case along with Prof. Jamal Naqi and others in a military court in Karachi in 1982, but no judgement has been announced for him to date.

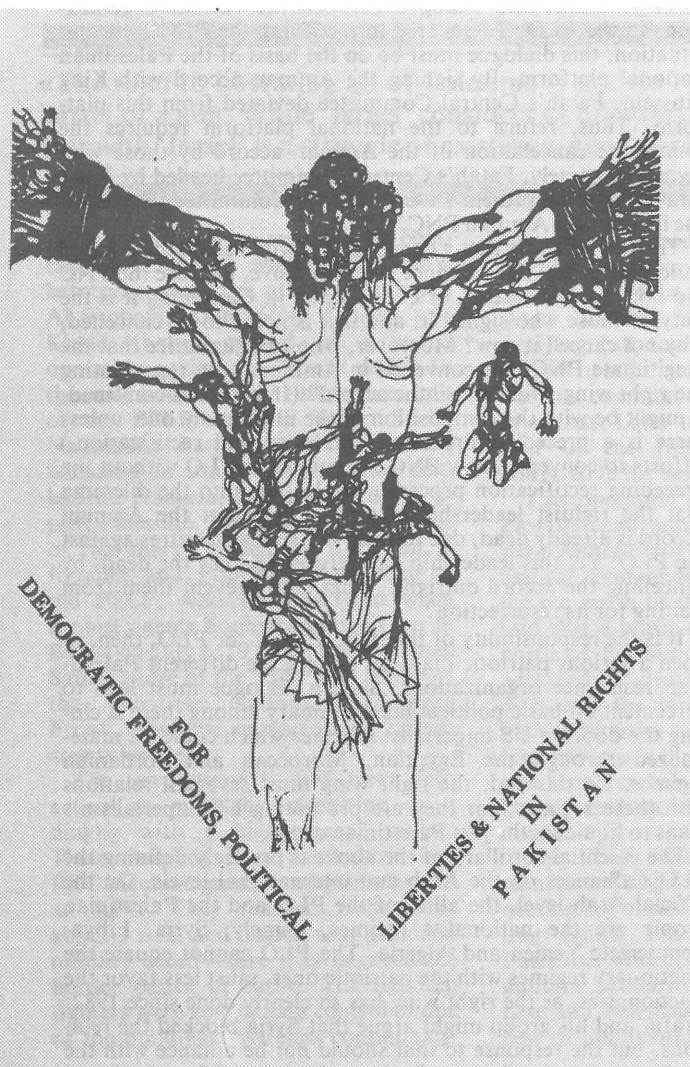
During this entire period of 8 years, he was kept in solitary confinement for which legal cover was provided by giving him a charge sheet as a civil suspect under the Army Act. However, such a charge sheet is valid for only 3 years... His 10-year sentence has already been served (with the inclusion of normal remissions, etc.) and there is no other conviction against him...

All shades of political leaders, class organizations and intellectuals have demanded his release and proper medical treatment. On the call of the Sind peasant organization, which he heads, there were dozens of demonstrations on March 6 all over the country. But the military government and its inducted civil government is so annoyed by his now legendary court statements, exposing the real anti-people character of the military regime, that they are bent on killing him in one way or another. Men of good will in many other countries have raised their voice of protest for him.

Comrade Jaru Saqi's life is in real danger. It is the duty of progressives and democrats all over the world to raise their voice of protest for this valiant son of the toiling masses of Pakistan...

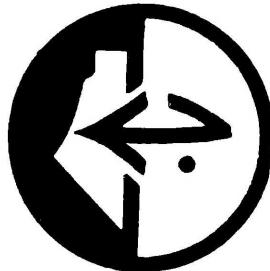
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The letter above has been slightly abbreviated. Also, we apologize for any misspelling of names, as we had difficulty reading the handwriting in the original.



PFLP 4th Congress

Political Report



This autumn, the English edition of the Political Report of the PFLP's Fourth Congress will be published. The Congress was held in the spring of 1981, and work began to translate the document to English. Unfortunately, the first endeavors were lost in the 1982 siege of Beirut. Some time passed before the work could be resumed. We think, however, that the document retains its relevance in terms of the evaluation it offers of events from 1973 until 1980, and the development of the PFLP during this period.

The report begins with a general evaluation of the international situation and its main components - imperialism's crisis, the successes of the world socialist system and the victories of the national liberation movements. It also addresses specific subjects such as the PFLP's evaluation of China's foreign policy, Eurocommunism and the peaceful coexistence policy.

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On this backdrop, specific chapters review the PFLP's political positions in relation to the developments of the period. Shortcomings and wrong tactics are criticized, and guidelines charted for future struggle. One chapter is exclusively devoted to evaluating the progress made in the PFLP's transformation to a Marxist-Leninist party, while another deals with the military struggle.

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