

Hertzog and near the Knesset building; there was huge material losses. The same day, two fire bombs were thrown at an Israeli bus as it stopped near Nuseirat camp in the occupied Gaza Strip. The bus burned totally.

Three operations were carried out on December 10th. In Jaffa, revolutionaries planted explosives in the engine of a car belonging to a high-ranking Israeli who died instantly when he turned on the ignition. In Jerusalem, an Israeli was hospitalized in critical condition after being stabbed with a knife. The Palestinian militant who had carried out this attack was able to evade the police by hiding in the old city. A fire bomb was thrown at an Israeli military patrol in Rafah in the occupied Gaza Strip. There was a news black-out on the casualty figures.

On December 14th, Zahran Has-souneh, an official of the education department in Jenin, in the occupied West Bank, known for collaborating with the Zionists, was stabbed all over his body. He was hospitalized in critical condition.

An Israeli bus was stoned near Qalandia camp, north of Jerusalem, on December 17th. One Israeli was critically injured. The next day, there were two operations in the West Bank. In Ramallah, a Palestinian militant attacked an Israeli soldier with an axe, injuring him critically (see box). In

Jenin, a military vehicle of the border patrol was stoned, breaking the window.

In Jerusalem on December 19th, a group of Palestinian revolutionaries attacked an Israeli police station with fire bombs, injuring many policemen and destroying several vehicles. On December 22nd, molotov cocktails were thrown against a Zionist military post in Beit Sahour in the occupied West Bank. The Israeli soldiers opened fire on a group of youth, wounding and then arresting one of them. Residents of the town were rounded up; 15 of them were arrested.

An Israeli Egged bus was stoned on December 23rd, when passing the Aroub camp, located north of Hebron. A window of the bus was smashed and one settler was injured. On December 26th, Palestinian revolutionaries blew up a gas storage warehouse in occupied Jerusalem, totally destroying it. The same day, Yitzhak Shoui, manager of the post office of Kiryat Biliac settlement was stabbed to death.

THE AXE AS A WEAPON

Continuing their policy of collective punishment, the occupation forces had blown up a house in the village of Beit Rama, near Ramallah. On December 17th, the 17 year old son of the family whose house had been demolished went

into Ramallah. With the only weapon he could find, an axe, he waited off the main city square. Ten Israeli soldiers were in the square. The boy stayed in his hiding place until the soldiers moved. As they passed him, he waited for the last one and struck him on the head with the axe, fracturing his skull. The Israeli army sent in reinforcements and conducted a broad search in Ramallah. The boy was captured by the enemy forces, but his heroism will be remembered in the struggle against occupation.

THE REVOLUTION OF KNIVES

Zionist 'genius' in confronting Palestinian resistance resulted in a law prohibiting Palestinians from walking through Hebron's market streets with their hands in their pockets! This was the initial step, to be imposed all over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The occupation authorities' pretext for the new decree is that some Palestinians carry knives in their pockets. Thus, putting their hands inside their pockets constitutes a 'security' danger, for they may be hiding knives which could endanger the lives of Israelis. This decision was taken after the spread of what is known as the «Revolution of Knives» in occupied Palestine, against the Zionists.

1948 Occupied Palestine Survey of Zionist Policy and Palestinian Steadfastness

This study deals with the ongoing Zionist policy to transform the Palestinians into strangers in their homeland, and with the Palestinian response to this. Especially important in the latter are the solid relations between the Palestinians of the 1948 and 1967 occupied territories, and the development of different forms of struggle which have aborted the concept of Arab-Zionist coexistence.

«A time bomb» - That's how the Zionist leaders view the Palestinians living on their land in the area of Palestine where the Zionist state was established in 1948. The Zionists spared nothing in their attempt to transform the Palestinians into a testing field for their conspiracy to defuse this «time bomb». This ranged from efforts to divide the Palestinian people into various sects according to the divide and rule policy, to Judaism aimed at obliterating the Palestinian national identity. It has encompassed the ugliest forms of discrimination, deprivation of the most basic rights, repressive campaigns of pursuit, confiscation, displacement, exiling, arrests and shooting down demonstrators in the «oasis of democracy» and the country of «justice and equality».

Despite all that, this part of the Palestinian people have managed to foil many of these conspiracies through heroic struggle and sacrifices, proving the impossibility of Arab-Zionist coexistence. They continue to adhere to their land, identity, people, cause and revolution. As such they are making a great contribution to the strategic goal of establishing a

popular democratic republic in Palestine, as part of a unified, socialist Arab society.

On May 15, 1948, the Zionist movement succeeded in establishing its colony on more than three-quarters of Palestine, and in expelling more than three-quarters of the inhabitants of this area, dispersing them over the world. Still, the Zionists failed to expell about 160,000 of the Palestinian Arabs. These people insisted on remaining on their land, despite the destruction of the economic and political basis of their existence, the confiscation of vast areas of their land, and the draconian emergency laws which the Zionists adopted from the British and Ottoman occupations, and which are still in effect despite formal cancellation in 1966.

Today, this part of the Palestinian people numbers almost 650,000 persons who continue to suffer from racist discrimination which is one of the basic characteristics of Zionism. Perhaps the clearest manifestation of this is the many schemes concocted by the Zionist «genius» in order to harm the Palestinian Arabs and reduce them to strangers in their own country