

PFLP Politbureau communique

The following are excerpts from the communique issued by the PFLP's Politbureau in celebration of the PFLP's 20th anniversary.

We celebrate today 20 years of continuous struggle. Twenty years of distinguished struggle in the PFLP's theoretical vision, political stands and closeness to the Palestinian masses. The PFLP took an opposite direction to the capitulationist thinking that the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary alliance attempted to impose on our masses and the Arab region.

Twenty years have passed, full of insistant struggle for our national cause and for achieving our masses goals of return, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Throughout the past twenty years, the PFLP has been a stern defender of our just cause, and an important contributor in our Palestinian people's victories. Twenty years of continuous struggle by the PFLP to safeguard the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and to combat all attempts of political elimination and containment of the PLO.

Twenty full years of military and political struggle against the Zionist enemy and against all forms of political and military attacks against our people and cause.

The twentieth anniversary of the PFLP comes at a time of intensified imperialist-Zionist-Arab reactionary aggression aiming at eliminating the PLO and the Palestinian cause, and to expand the capitulationist trend in the whole region. And this enemy alliance is taking full advantage of the declining official Arab policies and of the spread of the capitulationist logic of the rightist and reactionary Arab circles. The Jordanian regime is taking advantage of the results of «Israel's» 1982 invasion of Lebanon and the escalation of the Iran-Iraq war, is continuing its drive to execute its capitulationist policies, seeking to facilitate the proper atmosphere for direct negotiations with the Zionist enemy under Washington's auspices. And in addition to its attempts to attain official Arab blessings for its moves, the Jordanian regime seeks as well to obtain a Palestinian blessing for them. While these political moves were intensifying, the Palestinian people were confronting great challenges and dangers.

In the occupied homeland, the Zionist enemy continued intensifying its iron-fist policy. The confiscation of land increased, and more settlements were established. The Zionist intensified and escalated oppressive measures aimed at creating suitable conditions for stopping our masses' upgraded struggle and to facilitate the progress of the joint Israeli-Jordanian plans.

In Lebanon, the Palestinian masses in the camps have faced for the past two years continuous aggressive wars aiming at eliminating the nationalist Palestinian armed presence. These wars have only weakened the nationalist Palestinian-Lebanese-Syrian alliance, at a time when all confrontation forms and efforts should be united against the US plans and the increased US military presence in the region.

The resolutions of the Amman Arab summit have come as a clear indication of the declining level of official Arab policies.

The resolutions of this summit, particularly the one concerning relations with Egypt, have opened the road for a more comprehensive and dangerous decline. And this decline is clearly manifested in the acceptance of the major Arab countries of the Camp David trend and the bilateral solutions.

Despite this situation, the Palestinian revolution with the glorious struggle of our masses outside and inside the occupied homeland, has succeeded in foiling these hostile plans and maintaining the role and status of the Palestinian factor in the ongoing conflict as an obstacle to all attempts to spread the Camp David trend.

Due to the efforts of the nationalist and democratic Palestinian forces and the support of all allies and friendly countries and forces, the unification session of the PNC was held and the PLO's unity was restored on a nationalist base opposing imperialist-Zionist-reactionary plans. The reunification of the PLO rehabilitated the PLO's prestige and alliances, causing the failure of all hostile plans.

In the meantime, our Palestinian masses have continued their heroic uprising in the occupied territories and their confrontations against the Zionist-Jordanian plans and all attempts to eliminate the nationalist Palestinian armed presence in Lebanon.

The decline of the official Arab policies, the intensification of the attempts to eliminate the PLO and the Palestinian cause and the oppression of any uprising signs in the Arab region, only necessitate facilitating the requirements of the comprehensive nationalist confrontation, which could be achieved by the following tasks.

The first task requires the consolidation and strengthening of the PLO's unity based on its political and organizational program and the resolutions of the PNC's unification session. This requires the joint efforts of all Palestinian nationalist and democratic forces to impose adherence to the PNC resolutions and enact democratic organizational reforms in the PLO's institutions. In addition to that the road should be paved for other Palestinian forces to join the PLO. Achieving this task undoubtedly requires adherence to the political and organizational resolutions.

The second task is to continue the armed struggle against the Zionist enemy. And consolidating the unity of the Palestinian masses and institutions in the occupied homeland and to upgrade the level of confrontation against the occupation and the attempts to create substitutes to the PLO. The third task is to expend all efforts to restore the Palestinian-Syrian relations.

The fourth task is to restore the role of the nationalist Palestinian-Syrian-Lebanese alliance. And this requires an immediate halt to the camp wars and to formulate the nationalist Lebanese-Palestinian relations on clear bases. The fifth task is to upgrade the level of cooperation and coordination between the nationalist Arab regimes and forces. The sixth task is to stop the Iraq-Iran war through a peaceful solution based on Security Council resolution 598.

The seventh and final task is to consolidate and strengthen the PLO's alliances, on the international level with the socialist countries, at the forefront the USSR, and improve the level of cooperation and alliances between the nationalist Arab forces and regimes, the socialist countries and the peace, liberation and progressive forces in the world supportive of the Palestinian people's just cause.