

mally among the region's countries, and its connection to Zionism is not inevitable, neither the role it was supposed to play for imperialism. And consequently major forces in the Arab communist movement and progressive world public opinion outlined their stands concerning «Israel» on that basis.

In contrast to this viewpoint which prevailed after WW II and as a result of the holocaust, another viewpoint considered «Israel» a crystalization of the Zionist project and a materialization of the organic bonds and joint interests of imperialism and Zionism in this region. «Israel» has become an indivisible part of imperialism's world policies. In addition to its role in this region, «Israel» is playing an important role in supporting fascist and racist regimes in Latin America, Central America and Africa. And «Israel» today is a partner in the US' SDI program which is a threat to all humanity. In addition to its well-known participation in the anti-USSR campaign.

It becomes natural thus to conclude that after 40 years, the organic bond between «Israel» and world Zionism and between «Israel» and world Zionism on one hand and imperialism on the other hand is a reality. This bond aims at increasing the role of «Israel» as a partner in executing aggressive plans and profiting from these plans. This fact is materialized by the «Strategic Alliance» agreement between «Israel» and the US. This alliance only reconfirms the organic bond between «Israel», Zionism and world imperialism.

The logic which views the Arabs' stand in rejecting the existence of «Israel» has pushed matters that far, is totally incorrect. This could be seen in «Israel's» continuous aggression and expansion despite the fact that the Jordanian army was mainly concerned with protecting «Israel's» borders, the Jordanian regime's and other Arab regime's acceptance of the UN resolution 242, and the willingness of most Arab states to recognize «Israel» and to negotiate with it. This is the reality of «Israel» and the reality of Zionism. The PFLP deals with realities, and based on these realities takes its stands. The aggressive expansionist nature of the Zionist state and the role it plays in imperialism's world policies will undoubtedly help dig its own grave.

## Relations with Israeli democratic forces

It should be clear to all that any evaluation of the Israeli democratic forces should be connected directly and dialectically to the nature of the Israeli society and to the background of «Israel's» establishment from economic, political and historical perspectives. Added to that is these forces' viewpoint on how to solve the «Jewish problem», given the nature of the Zionist state, the scopes of its development and its internal contradictions.

First I would like to point out that the strategic slogan raised by the PFLP since its establishment was «establishing the people's democratic Palestinian state», where total equality prevails, notwithstanding sex, religion and race. It is natural thus, that the Palestinian and Arab struggle should interconnect with the struggle of the democratic and progressive forces in «Israel» which raise slogans that conform with the Palestinian revolution's slogans and have anti-Zionist stands ideologically and practically. And we have worked for a long period emphasizing this point in the PNC's resolutions,

particularly in the 13 th, 14 th, 15 th, 16 th sessions and was reconfirmed in last April's session of the PNC. We realize that there should be a distinction between the Israeli democratic and progressive forces and the Zionist forces. Neglecting these

differences only harms the Palestinian revolution. It confuses the Palestinian masses and provides a Palestinian cover for Arab—Zionist contacts, in addition to weakening the stands of the Palestinian revolution's Arab and international alliances and the role of the Israeli democratic and progressive forces themselves.

The PFLP does not underestimate the importance of taking advantage of the internal contradictions in the Zionist state, but we should not overestimate the weight and influence of these contradictions in the present period. Although some Zionist circles have begun calling for an Israeli withdrawal from parts of the occupied territories, as a result of the growing political, military and demographical role of the Palestinian factor and the fear for the security of the Zionist state, these circles are not influential in the decision-making and still adhere to the Zionist ideology which is based on expansionism and negating the existence of the Palestinian people.

Some people say that this period of the Palestinian struggle is dedicated to gaining the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people, and that all stands which serve reaching this goal should be taken advantage of. But this viewpoint overlooks what I have mentioned about the organic bonds between «Israel», Zionism and world imperialism, which necessitates a dialectical interconnection in waging the battle on all levels and fields. We are fighting against «Israel» and Zionism at the same time. Our fight to maintain the UN resolution 3379, which views Zionism as racism, is a tactical battle closely linked to accumulating victories to reach the strategic goal.

Based on this, the PFLP registered its reservation on the resolution adopted in the April unification session of the PNC, which called for establishing contacts with democratic Israeli forces without specifying an anti-Zionist nature and stands of these forces. The PFLP considers this resolution a gap from which some reactionary Palestinian forces could take advantage of to contact influential Zionist forces. And this was manifested clearly in the Amirav-Nusseibeh meeting (Amirav is a member of the Herut party and Nusseibeh is a Palestinian professor).

My aim from this review is to outline the dangers behind legitimizing and demanding contacts with Zionist forces, particularly in this period of declining official Arab policies, manifested clearly in the resolutions of the Amman Arab summit.

When dealing with this issue, two facts should be taken in mind. The first one is that the situation of the parties in «Israel» is vacillating and unstable and this situation is expressed in the splits and mergers that occurred and which plague the democratic forces as well. The second fact is the growth of the rightist and fascist trend in the Israeli society in contrast to the limited size and effects of the Israeli democratic forces. And this could be clearly seen in the results of the Knesset elections and polls. In the 11 th Knesset elections, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality gained only 5,800 Jewish votes, whereas Kahana gained 20,000 Jewish votes, which clearly indicates the forementioned fact. Despite that, this doesn't mean that the Zionist state has no internal contradictions or that the laws of class struggle do not apply to it. But this requires the Palestinian revolution to outline at every stage, the methods of dealing with this issue and to take advantage of these contradictions in a way that serves the just Palestinian struggle to achieve the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people to establish an independent state.