

from a Gaza prison on May 19th. After one of them was recaptured by the Israeli army, the other five militants succeeded in making the Israeli secret service believe that they were in Tunisia, by having their arrival broadcast from there.

One-third of the military operations in October were carried out using

molotov cocktails. This attests to the increasing mass-based character of the Palestinian resistance against the occupation. It indicates that a comprehensive popular war has become a possibility if the necessary material and moral support is provided to the people living under occupation. ●

for being caught off guard. Prime Minister Shamir convened the cabinet and blamed Syria for allowing such an attack to be launched. The Zionist leadership is clearly loath to admit that despite all their expenditures on high-tech security, the Palestinian revolution retains the innovative ability and courage needed to continue the struggle to regain their homeland.

An incident about one week after the operation confirmed the extent of the panic it had created among the Zionists. An Israeli soldier near Metulla settlement, in the Upper Galilee, sighted a strange flying object. Thinking it was another hang glider, he immediately notified the military leadership of the area, who declared a state of high alert. Settlers in the area rushed to shelters, while the Israeli army conducted a search, with helicopters firing flares and strafing with heavy machine guns, along the border with Lebanon. Millions of bullets were expended, but it later became clear that the flying object was a large kite which had probably been released by a playing child. ●

## PFLP - General Command Operation

On the afternoon of November 25th, four pilots of the PFLP—General Command took off in hang gliders, headed for occupied Palestine. One of them, Khaled Ahmed Aker, succeeded in literally overflying the Zionists' security wall, and landed close to an Israeli army base in the northern Galilee, near Kiryat Shmona settlement. Another pilot, Milod Ben Al Najeh Noumah, was killed by the Israeli occupation forces, while the two others later returned to their base.

Khaled, who landed near the Israeli base, caught the enemy forces totally

off guard. He engaged the Zionist soldiers in an extended battle before being martyred. According to the Zionists' admissions, he killed six Israeli soldiers and seriously wounded seven others. The real casualty toll could be much higher.

In any case, this can only be termed the most successful Palestinian commando operation across the borders in a decade, in terms of the ingenuity and skill involved, and the number of casualties inflicted in the Zionist military ranks. Israeli Chief-of-Staff Shomron blamed laxity in the military

General Command hang glider

