

PNC - Session of the Intifada

Political Communique

In the name of God, the most gracious and merciful...

From November 12th to 15th, 1988, the PNC held its 19th session (extraordinary), the session of the intifada and national independence, the session of the heroic martyr, Abu Jihad, in heroic Algeria, and with the hospitality of its people and President Shadli Ben Jdid.

The session was crowned with the declaration of a Palestinian state on our Palestinian land, as the culmination of the brave popular struggle which has continued for more than seventy years, bolstered by the great sacrifices offered by our people in the homeland, in exile and on its borders.

Besides the heroic steadfastness of our people in the camps inside and outside the occupied territories, the session was devoted to the great Palestinian national uprising, since it is one of the most prominent events of struggle in the contemporary history of the Palestinian people's revolution.

From the first days of the uprising and during the twelve months of its continuity, the basic features of the great uprising of our people have become apparent. It is a total popular revolution, embodying the consensus of the homeland - women and men, elderly and children, camps, villages and cities - on rejecting the occupation and carrying on the struggle until it is defeated and ended.

The national unity of our people has prevailed in the uprising, as has their total adherence to the PLO, their sole, legitimate representative everywhere... This was materialized in the participation of the Palestinian masses, including all their national institutions and the students', workers', women's, peasants', merchants' and other unions, and landlords, artisans, academics, etc. in the uprising, via the United National Leadership and the popular committees which were formed in villages, camps and city quarters.

The revolutionary rage of our people and their honorable uprising, coupled with the continual accumulation of our revolution in all places and fields, inside and outside the homeland, have destroyed the illusions of our people's enemies that the occupation of Palestine is an everlasting fact and that the Palestinian cause can be pushed into oblivion. Generations have been brought up in the goals and principles of the Palestinian revolution and experienced its battles from its beginning in 1965 until today... including the heroic steadfastness against the Zionist aggression in 1982, and the steadfastness of the camps of the revolution against the siege of starvation and death in Lebanon. These generations, the sons of revolution, the sons of the PLO, confirm the vitality and continuity of the revolution, igniting the land under the feet of the occupiers, thus proving that the accumulation of our people's struggle doesn't end, and their belief (in their cause) is strong and deep.

With the revolutionary harmony between the children of the RPG outside the homeland and the children of the sacred stones in the occupied territories, our people rise up against all attempts of the enemy authorities to abort our popular revolution. They rise up despite all the means used by the authorities, the desecration of Christian and Islamic holy places and viola-

tion of freedom of worship, land confiscation, house demolition, committing the crimes of deliberate and indiscriminate killing, the armed settlers opening fire on our villages and camps, burning crops, cutting off water and electricity, beating women and children, using prohibited gases which cause death and miscarriages for thousands, and the policy of enforcing ignorance by closing schools and universities.

Our people are paying the price of their heroic steadfastness with hundreds of martyrs and tens of thousands of wounded, detained and expelled... However, in the most difficult moments they are able to invent new means of struggle to reinforce their steadfastness, resistance and confrontation of the crimes and measures of the enemy, and to continue their heroic struggle.

Through steadfastness, continuing the revolution and escalating the uprising, our people have proved that their determination knows no limits despite the costs, for they are armed with a great heritage of struggle, an inflexible revolutionary will, consolidated national unity... and total adherence to their national leadership, the PLO. They are armed with adherence to its goals of defeating and ending the Israeli occupation, and achieving their inalienable national rights to repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

In all this, our people rely on the support of the masses of the Arab nation and its forces, which is apparent in the broad popular Arab support the uprising enjoys, and the official Arab consensus expressed by the Arab summit in Algeria and its decisions. This confirms that our people are not alone in confronting the racist/fascist offensive; it precludes the possibility of the Israeli aggressors isolating our people from the support of their Arab nation...

Besides Arab solidarity, the revolution of our people and their glorious uprising enjoys broad international solidarity, as is apparent in the increased awareness of the question of the Palestinian people, the increased support of the peoples and countries of the world to our just struggle, and the condemnation of the Israeli occupation and its crimes. All of this contributes to exposing Israel and increasing its isolation and that of its supporters.

Security Council resolutions 605, 607 and 608, and the General Assembly resolutions asserting Palestinian rights against the expulsion of the Palestinians from their land, and against the repression and terror which Israel enforces on the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories, are strong indications of the increased support of international public and official opinion in favor of our people and their representative, the PLO; they also indicate the increased international opposition to the Israeli occupation and its racist/fascist practices.

UN General Assembly resolution 1/43/L21, adopted at the special session for the uprising on November 4, 1988, is another evidence of the support of the peoples of the world, and the majority of its states, for the just struggle of the Palestinian people and their inalienable rights to liberation and independence, and their opposition to the occupation. The occupation's crimes and inhuman practices have shown the falsi-