

refusing to make peace with the only «democratic» state in the area.

The intifada has shown the ugly face of Israel which has been hidden for so long, although the world managed to get glimpses of this face during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon and the subsequent massacres in Sabra and Shatila Camps in which Sharon was implicated, but never before has the world been exposed to the atrocities of this «democratic» state such as burying people alive, breaking bones, torturing children, demolishing homes... etc.

The image of Israel has been tarnished even among its most staunchest supporters i.e. the Jewish communities throughout the world and especially in the United States.

The pictures of Israeli soldiers armed to the teeth with the various kinds of bullets, grenades and poison gas pitted against young men, women and children with stones has illuminated the real David and the real Goliath.

In late May, an extraordinary Arab Summit meeting was held in Casablanca, Morocco. In this meeting the Arab League ratified the Palestinian working paper presented by the Palestinian delegation. The paper called on the Arab League to support the Palestinian

peace initiative and the resolutions of the 19th Palestine National Council meeting. The Arab League has reaffirmed its commitment to the intifada by pledging to provide «all forms of support.»

However, the US position has become a lone voice in the international community. In late June the European Parliament passed a resolution during its Madrid meeting calling for the inclusion of the PLO in any negotiations for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The European community also stressed that any initiative for peace must be part of a comprehensive solution, thereby directing a big blow to the Shamir plan.

ISRAELI JINGOISM

Along with the stepped-up repression and killing of Palestinians, waves of anti-Arab racist hysteria have been fanned. Shamir commenting on Palestinians who attack Israeli soldiers and settlers said, «They should not be allowed to escape in one piece.»

The mayors of Ramat Gan, Nahariya, Petah Tiqwa, and other Israeli cities and towns have proposed the expulsion of Palestinian Arabs from these cities and towns

Nahalin residents as they remove stones placed at the village's entrance by the occupation authorities.



The mayor of Ramat Gan said, «Arabs can come and work, but we don't want them to live here.»³ The mayor of Petah Tiqwa went even further and warned, «I don't want them on the streets.»⁴

The most flagrant proposal however came from the settlement of Ariel, where they proposed that Palestinian workers wear tags which identify them as «FOREIGN WORKERS.» This is ironic since the mothers and fathers of these settlers and perhaps some of these settlers themselves were forced to wear similar tags by the Nazis identifying them as Jews.

This fanatic jingoism has spread inside the 1948 territories. In addition to the random killings of Palestinian Arabs who are considered Israeli citizens, 30 Knesset members presented a resolution on June 12 proposing the expulsion of Palestinians from Israel if they participate in stone throwing and the publishing of material which sympathizes with the PLO.

UNL RESPONDS

In its call no. 40 the UNL described the escalation of Israeli brutality as part of «the government's official policy in a desperate attempt to terrify our people and create the proper atmosphere in order to market the Shamir plan.»

The UNL called on Palestinians for «violent confrontations in all localities against the occupation army, settlers and agents.»

While a new era of understanding, of resolving regional conflicts, and detente is being ushered in and welcomed by people the world over, Israeli leaders are bent on maintaining their illegal occupation and fanning the flames of national chauvinism.

The continuation of this dangerous trend will lead to armageddon. Peace is the only choice, «peace under occupation» is not real peace. The prerequisites for a genuine peace is the recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, the right of return and the establishment of an independent state.

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