



Lebanese Communist Party

Once again we gather to celebrate an occasion which is no longer reserved for those vanguards who initiated the PFLP, but has become the property of all Palestinian, Lebanese and Arab revolutionaries, and of the masses... When we celebrated last year, the misery was still evident on the faces of the militants after their imposed exodus from steadfast Beirut, from the struggling South and from the camps of Lebanon, as a result of the Zionist-US-reactionary offensive. Today, a year later, we meet in Damascus; many developments have occurred. Each time we think the confrontation with the Zionist-imperialist plot has reached a climax, we find another climax following. There is no limit to the depth of the conspiracy. More important, our steadfastness knows no limits either.

The Lebanese National Resistance Front is the shining side of the process of opposing US and Zionist hegemony... The mass uprising against the occupation has merged with the revolutionary gun of the LNRF. Another factor, no less important, is the steadfastness of all the patriots in Mount Lebanon, especially the Progressive Socialist Party led by Walid Jumblatt. These factors converged with the general atmosphere of Lebanese democratic nationalism which rejects fascist domination by the Phalangists, which is similar to the Zionist domination which caused the tragedy of Palestine.

These factors crystallize the overall Arab progressive will to confront the imposition of US-Zionist hegemony... The will of US imperialism is not fate. Nor is the Israeli occupation, and the presence of invading US forces, a victory for them. They have fallen into a trap, and we will inflict casualties on them until they are forced to withdraw unconditionally, whether they be the Israeli forces, the Multinational Forces, the US forces, or whatever name they choose.

Lebanese national steadfastness could not have achieved what it has, were it not for other factors of steadfastness in the Arab nation, specifically Syria. I

consider that the Syrian decision and Syrian-Soviet relations have taken a qualitative turn and thus enabled the steadfast forces to raise their voices higher in the face of the US-Israeli-reactionary plot.

Therefore, US-Zionist and NATO threats have been launched against Syria, added to the intimidating overflights of the US fighter planes which, for one of the first times, an Arab leader gave orders to shoot down...

After Beirut, the Palestinian revolution had to stop and make a serious evaluation of its organizational, military and political course, for it had paid the price of being the vanguard in confronting the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary plots...

There was a step forward with the proposals of groups in the Palestinian revolution, including in the vanguard organization, Fatah, to seriously study political and organizational reform in order to revive the revolution... The strengthening of relations between the Democratic and Popular Fronts and the formation of the joint political-military command was another positive step.

The Popular Front has accustomed us to giving specific answers at historical turning points, and we now stand on the threshold of a most dangerous turning point in the history of the Arab national liberation movement... The Palestinian role in this direction meets the requirements of a broader Arab mass uprising. There are indications of such an uprising - the improvement of joint action between the Arab communist parties and other forces of the Arab liberation movement, indications of broader popular struggle in more than one Arab country...

By starting to prepare ourselves for the real confrontation, we are loyal to the Palestinian and Lebanese blood which has irrigated Lebanon. Moreover, we preserve the unity of the Palestinian decision and restore the joint struggle between the Lebanese national movement and the Palestinian revolution. We unite the Arab liberation movement and advance it to a higher level of confrontation.

Yemeni Socialist Party

Today we celebrate with you the 16th anniversary of the establishment of the PFLP. I am pleased to convey our militant, comradely congratulations on behalf of Comrade Ali Nasser Mohammad, General Secretary, and the Central Committee of the Yemeni Socialist Party, to the PFLP leadership and all the fighters and masses. Our participation in this celebration reflects the strong militant ties between you and our party.

All guns against the enemy

The 16th anniversary of the PFLP comes at a very difficult and critical time. The imperialist-Zionist-reactionary attack is intensified in the Arab area. Speaking frankly, we cannot say that the momentum of this attack is only due to the political and military capacity of the enemy forces. It is also a result of the weaknesses and shortcomings of many groups of the Arab national liberation movement. Some have resorted to arms to resolve secondary differences, whereas all guns should be directed against the Zionist enemy and US imperialism, that are

mobilizing their fleets off the Lebanese coast, spreading their forces and those of NATO in Lebanon, and continuing to attack the positions of the Syrian forces and the Lebanese nationalists and progressive forces.

Our major battle is against US imperialism, Zionism and the fascist forces in Lebanon. On this occasion, we affirm our party's position, calling for an end to the fighting among Palestinians and for using nationalist, democratic dialogue to resolve the differences, preserve Palestinian national unity in the PLO, strengthen the role of its legitimate institutions which express the will of the Palestinian people, and continue the struggle until victory, obtaining the Palestinian people's inalienable rights, in particular the right to return, self-determination and establishing an independent state. In this context, we hold in high esteem the role played by the PFLP, in the Joint Leadership with the DFLP, to stop the fighting and enforce democratic dialogue, in order to achieve the Program of Unity and Reform in the PLO.