



Putting off fires of angry Palestinian masses

TIMED BOMBS:

In Jerusalem, a Zionist military spokesperson declared that experts had dismantled two bombs that were discovered shortly before they exploded. One of these bombs was found in a central car garage on the road to Bethlehem, while the other was discovered in the railroad station in Jerusalem. Soon after the news was revealed, the Zionists frantically warned of 'unfamiliar objects' which may contain bombs.

The occupation authorities increased their military presence in the West Bank and Gaza while helicopters were used to intimidate the nationalists and to repress all demonstrations. The enemy declared a state of emergency in the Galilee. According to Zionist sources, the authorities closed all roads connecting the 1967 occupied territories and the rest of the occupied lands in an attempt to stop the West Bank residents from participating in the Day of the Land celebrations in Galilee. Obviously, all their efforts were in vain.

THE 30th OF MARCH

At the dawn of March 30th, the Palestinian people started their celebra-

tions. Demonstrators throughout the occupied homeland affirmed their united position to stand firm against all the enemy's repressive and oppressive measures. They vowed to continue their resistance of occupation and struggle for their national independence.

In spite of the fact that the Zionist authorities had rallied more forces to repress the demonstrations and used all methods of terror, yet our masses rendered the enemy a heavy blow through their many large demonstrations. The sons and daughters of Palestine in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and Nazareth gathered to say in one united voice «no to occupation».

Throughout Galilee and the surrounding towns, three major demonstrations and rallies were held under the two main slogans of «It is the right of the Palestinian Arabs to have their own independent state» and «Israeli soldiers out of Lebanon».

The enemy, as usual, opened fire on the demonstrators in the various Palestinian cities and camps seriously injuring four nationalists of whom one was critically wounded. Palestinian sources in the occupied homeland stated that twenty five year old Ahmad Salman was critically wounded in the

Balata camp near Nablus. In addition, the source stated that two others were injured in Jenin and a fourth Palestinian youth named Yaser Nizal (17), was wounded in Qabattiyah.

An Israeli TV cameraman was injured in the town of Sakhnin in the Galilee during one of the celebrations when attacked by the attendants after they warned him not to take their pictures.

Sakhnin witnessed a demonstration that marched through the streets of the town to the graveyards where three of the town's martyrs who were shot in the first celebration of the Day of the Land in 1976, were buried.

A similar demonstration took place in the town of al Tibah in Galilee, where the demonstrators sang 'Beladi...Beladi' (my country, my country), which is the PLO's national anthem. They also carried banners stating «the people of Palestine». The walls of the town were covered with slogans and Palestinian flags.

Also the village of Araba in Galilee witnessed similar demonstrations and according to a Zionist spokesperson, «many incidents took place in the Western Galilee, including arrests in the village of Baqat after its residents raised the Palestinian flag». The residents of the Golan Heights also participated in the demonstrations and rallies that took place in North Palestine.

Palestinian sources in the occupied homeland mentioned that the occupation authorities fired on demonstrations that were held in the camps of Balatta and Kalandia. The demonstrators confronted the Zionist forces with stones in various places in the West Bank and Galilee and raised the Palestinian flag in the middle of Nablus.

1,525 ARRESTS:

During two days, the number of the Palestinians arrested in the West Bank alone reached 724 individuals. Among them there were sixteen school and university female students, twenty seven