

Political Statement

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On April 9-10, 1984, the Central Committee of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine held its 8th regular plenum in which it reviewed all important developments and political events on the different international, Arab and Palestinian levels.

In particular the Central Committee discussed the significant victories accomplished by the Lebanese National Forces in confronting the imperialist, Zionist, fascist project which aimed at making Lebanon a bridge-head, through which a new link of the imperialist plan was to be inserted, thereby aiming to spread the policy of Camp David in the Arab region.

The steadfastness and struggle of the heroic Lebanese people on the military and political levels, the stubborn and heroic fighting waged by the armed National Resistance Front in South Lebanon, the great victories achieved in the mountains, Beirut and its southern suburb, and the decisive and solid position taken by Syria and the national progressive forces on the Arab and the international levels supporting the Lebanese National Forces-made Lebanon a solid barrier opposed to the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary plans. This culminated in the victories of the Lebanese National Forces by the great historic achievement represented by the abrogation of the agreement of subordination and treason: the May 17 agreement.

The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. deeply considered this great historic victory, discussed its significances, and the anticipated dimensions of abrogating this agreement and emphasized the following:

First: The abrogation of the agreement came less than one year after signing it, a great historic victory accomplished by the Lebanese people, their national forces supported by the progressive Arab and international forces. It represented an important point in the development of Lebanon and the Arab region. This great event reflects the victory of the Lebanese people's will to fight against the outcome of the vicious imperialist, Zionist, reactionary aggression which culminated in the June aggression of 1982.

Second: The victory afflicted a defeat of the course of Camp David in Lebanon, thereby to the US-Zionist-Phalangist reactionary alliance, and it reclaimed nationalist Lebanon to its natural position of confronting capitulationist plans, first and foremost the liquidationist Reagan plan.

Third: The abrogation of the May 17 agreement is a tremendous victory for the Palestinian revolution and Syria in their opposition to the course of Camp David. It is a victory for the Arab Liberation Movement and its friend and allies in the world, in the forefront our friend the Soviet Union.

Fourth: The abrogation of the agreement is a defeat to the course of the capitulating Palestinian right-wing who proceeded to accept the collapse of Lebanon under the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary hegemony. After the evacuation of the Palestinian resistance from Beirut, in particular, the Palestinian right-wing began to get closer to the proposed imperialist solutions in the Arab region.

Fifth: This victory reaffirms the historic inevitability of this epoch: the people's victory and the enemy's defeat is inevitable. It gives clear evidence that the plans of imperialism and their allies are not fatal. The American ambitions to act singlehandedly in the region, strike at the Arab Liberation Movement and liquidate the Palestinian Revolution, are not liable to be implemented except in a defeatist, capitulationist climate, agitated for by the circles of Arab reaction on the base of «There is power and no strength» in confronting America and the Zionist enemy. For our Palestinian people and Arab nation this victory puts forward the revolutionary alternative to the cause of capitulation and subordination and reaffirms the credibility of armed struggle and people's war.

Sixth: This victory reaffirmed the significance of the solid alliance between the Arab Liberation Movement and the world revolutionary forces, in the forefront our friend the Soviet Union and all countries of the socialist community, which firmly and decisively supported the Lebanese national forces, Syria and the Palestinian Revolution in opposing the imperialist, Zionist, and fascist plans for Lebanon.

The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. reaffirmed that the battle in Lebanon is not yet over. Though the imperialist, Zionist, fascist forces faced a great defeat, they will not simply accept it. Through different methods, they will work to reimpose their plans. This demands more vigilance, awareness and preparations and calls for deepening the alliance between the Lebanese National Forces, Syria and the Palestinian Revolution to confront the coming aggressive plans. In particular, the imperialist and Zionist circles did not stop their threats to wage a broad aggression against Syria, due to its firm and decisive position opposing their plans in the Arab region and its support to the Lebanese National Forces. This position played an important role in the abrogation of the May 17 agreement.

The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. reaffirmed the importance of joint action between the Palestinian Revolution