

Striking Palestinian education

The Zionist authorities have once again ordered the closure of Najah University in Nablus, this time for four months. The order was issued with the excuse that the university houses publications and art work which oppose the occupation. The closure order came after Israeli army forces stormed the university and confiscated Palestinian national art work and publications that were exhibited as part of the university's Palestine Week celebration. The Zionists conducted a thorough search of the university and the offices of student committees. Many of the books confiscated concerned the history of Palestine. While the search was in progress, not only the university campus but the whole area were encircled by Zionist troops who blocked off the main roads. More than twenty students were arrested.

Arrests and trials

In another incident the Zionist occupation forces arrested the Palestinian citizen, Saed Farid Abu Rub as he was returning from Jordan via the Amir Muhammad Bridge on July 17th. He was accused of making contact with the PLO office in Amman. Also three youth from the village of Maghir in the Ramallah area were arrested on the charge of «de-meaning and belittling the Israeli flag». Collective punishment was imposed on both Kalandia and Fawara camps near Nablus, whereby the residents were denied their right to travel.

In a trial by the Zionist military court in Lod (Lydda), Redda Hussein Qadoura, age 18, was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on charges of conducting the military operation in Jerusalem on February 18th, attempting

Military Operations

The following military operations were carried out in occupied Palestine by the PFLP in July:

- On July 20, a PFLP commando group working inside occupied Palestine attacked an Israeli patrol in Nablus in the West Bank. An armored vehicle carrying eight Israeli soldiers was hit by hand grenades. The Zionists admitted only one injury. The occupation forces converged on the area shooting in all directions and injuring five Palestinian citizens, including a 13 year old boy and a 60 year old man. A curfew was imposed and close to 100 persons were rounded up for questioning.

- On July 22, a two-step attack was carried out against Israeli soldiers patrolling near Jabalia refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. One commando group of the PFLP unit named after the martyr Ghassan Kanafani, threw hand grenades against a patrol, hitting several Israeli soldiers. When Israeli reinforcements arrived to search the area, a second group of the same unit attacked the soldiers with hand grenades.

- On July 31, hand grenades were again thrown against an Israeli patrol near Jabalia by a PFLP military unit.

Immediately the camp and nearby Gaza city were surrounded by the occupation troops.

Clearly Jabalia camp is a persistent irritation to the occupiers due to the ongoing resistance of its militant youth. This was also evidenced in the sentence handed down in mid-July by an Israeli military court against seven youth of the camp, charged with carrying out eight separate military attacks on the occupiers.

DFLP executes Zionist soldier

In early August, heroic fighters of the DFLP captured an Israeli soldier in occupied Palestine. They took possession of his gun and executed him. On August 10th, the Israelis found the body of the soldier near Mevo Dotan settlement in the northern West Bank, and identified him as Corporal Moshe Taman. It is to be remembered that earlier this year, DFLP commandos also succeeded in capturing another Zionist soldier on the road between Natania and Tiberius in the Zionist entity. He was executed and found near the village of Tulkarm. The Israelis also confirmed the death of this soldier, David Bokar from Natania.

another operation and DFLP membership. Qadoura was tried in absentia, having been dismissed from the courtroom when he refused to stand for the military judge's entry.

Racism on the rise

The above mentioned acts of repression are only some of the more recent measures against our people.

They bear evidence to the escalation of Zionism's racist practices in line with Zionism's steady march rightwards. In recent years Zionist aggression and racism have become more blatant with the increased prominence of ultra-right tendencies. The increased terrorist activities of extreme right groups and the acts of the official forces, like the murder of the two Palestinian commandos after the Askelon bus operation are no coincidence but true expressions of Zionism and its strategy.

The Israeli elections showed that the Zionist entity's move towards the right is not a passing phenomenon, but a deeply entrenched trend. This enabled the relatively small rightist religious parties to attain a decisive position in the formation of the new government. This also enabled the openly fascist terrorist Meir Kahane to gain a Knesset seat. After his election, Kahane declared that he will establish a bureau to kick all Palestinians out of Palestine. The ongoing repression of the official terrorists, i.e. the Zionist army, provides fertile ground for such attempts.

