



Firm resistance to Israeli terror



YASSIR ARAFAT and ABU JIHAD: The determination of the Palestinians and their Lebanese allies is greater than the aggressive military force of Israel

MASSACRE OF

ISRAEL has unleashed a brutal war of genocide against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. More than 10,000 mainly civilians, have been killed or wounded in the six days since Prime Minister Beigin and War Minister Ariel Sharon ordered their tanks over the border.

There are reports of indiscriminate massacres of children, women and old people in Damour, Sidon and Tyre at the hands of the Zionist aggressors. In Beirut, civilian areas including the camps of Sabra, Shatila, Bourj El-Barajneh and the Fakhani area have been subjected to the most ferocious air attacks.

One eye-witness described the Israeli invasion: 'They were destroying everything and everyone in their path, from babies to old men and women. They are demolishing civilian houses which had nothing to do with any military activities.'

To conceal their crimes, the Israelis have barred all civilians 'especially journalists' from entering occupied Lebanon.

With the blessing of the Reagan administration in the United States, Beigin and Sharon have embarked on nothing less than the 'final solution' of the Palestine problem — a massive pog-

rom on a scale not seen since the days of the Nazis during World War II. Their racist and fascist ideology is being carried into practice against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat warned of this development a year ago in the aftermath of the Beirut massacre of July 17 in which more than 300 Lebanese and Palestinians were killed by Israeli bombs.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Lebanese National Movement are continuing to resist in spite of the disparity between their forces and those of the invader.

'The Times' reported on Friday: '... The PLO have fought over the past few days far harder than was originally imagined. Despite Israeli claims to have captured Tyre, it now transpires that Palestinian guerrilla fighters are still in action there though the Israelis say they are "mopping up" the resistance in the city.'

'The Palestinians are also still fighting in Sidon and from bunkers in their township of Damour just south of Beirut.'

The fragile 'ceasefire' agreed on Friday in no way implies any acceptance by the Palestinians of Zionist occupation

or abandonment of the struggle for Palestinian rights.

The PLO representative at the United Nations, Zehdi Terzi, said: 'As long as they (the Israelis) are sitting in our refugee camps and shooting at our people... we have to resist.'

He said the ceasefire could not last unless it was linked to immediate and total withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. Asked how long the PLO would wait for this before it starts to shoot at the Israelis, he said: 'The shortest possible time.'

Israel has committed 140,000 troops to the invasion, together with its entire air force and navy. With their inadequate weapons, the PLO are facing the most powerfully equipped army in the world outside the two super-powers.

Israel is a nuclear power equipped with the latest American-supplied sophisticated weapons — F-16 fighters, modern tanks and artillery, the latest gunboats and rocketry. Last year, it received \$2.1 billion in military and other loans from the United States.

America is responsible for the unrestrained terror Beigin is waging against the Palestinian and Lebanese people. President Reagan and Secretary of State Haig have given the green light for the invasion as the next stage of their Camp David plan to subjugate the Palestinian people and destroy their sole legitimate representative, the PLO.

The Palestinian and Lebanese fighters have virtually no armour, only limited artillery and anti-aircraft defences and no navy or air force at all. Israel's invasion is an act of unparalleled international banditry and barbarism.

Their objective is to destroy the PLO as a fighting force, kill its leaders and drive the Palestinians out of Lebanon. This will be the basis for the annexation of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and the expulsion of their Arab Palestinian inhabitants.

At the same time, Israeli forces have repeatedly clashed with Syrian troops carrying out their national duty of defending and protecting both Lebanese and Palestinian people.

The Israeli invasion is a direct threat to Syria's own security and Syrian troops have proved their willingness to fight even though outnumbered and outgunned. The invasion failed to break

Jewish leader condemns invasion

PARIS — The President of the World Jewish Congress, Nahum Goldmann, has condemned the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, saying the move is particularly unacceptable because it violates a ceasefire agreed between the Palestinians and Israel.

In a statement published by the French daily 'Le Monde', Goldmann said: 'I deeply regret and disapprove of the invasion of south Lebanon by Israeli forces. This offensive is part of Beigin's policy of widening the gap between Arabs and Israel so that a lasting peace becomes impossible.'

'The invasion is particularly worthy of condemnation because it violates the

ceasefire between the Palestinians and Israel concluded through the intervention of Philip Habib.'

Goldmann pointed out that the attempted assassination of the Israeli ambassador to London had been formally condemned by the PLO and said it was not certain that the attackers had received instructions from the PLO.

'At any rate the people killed during the operations in Lebanon were certainly not responsible for the brutal act carried out in London,' Goldmann said.

He added that the main responsibility for the 'tragic situation' in the region lay with the major powers, particularly the United States.

THE INNOCENTS



Civilians fleeing from the Israeli bombing of Beirut's Fakhani district last July in which more than 300 were killed

the Palestinian-Lebanese-Syrian alliance in Lebanon, for all Beigin's boasts.

The Israelis do not distinguish between Palestinians and Lebanese because they know that the Lebanese people have given generous support and solidarity to the Palestinian cause and fought in their own right against Zionist expansionism and aggression.

Militarily the PLO is not aiming to win a war against Israel. It is defending its own bases and the Lebanese people against Israeli aggression. Israel is being forced to pay a heavy price for the invasion.

'The Times' reported on Friday: 'With casualties continuing to mount, the early jubilation at the speed and extent of the Israeli advance was being tempered by a mass realisation of the human price of the conflict.'

'Moving military funerals have become a nightly occurrence on the television, and the public is aware that the published casualty figures usually lag behind the true picture.'

The Zionists who are so eager to shed Arab blood are squeamish about their own casualties.

Beigin and Sharon have been planning this invasion for months. The shooting of their ambassador in London, Shlomo Argov, was merely an excuse to launch the attack. The official framework of the PLO had nothing to do with the Argov shooting.

Those who subsequently claimed the responsibility said the envoy had been shot in retaliation for the killing of Majid Abu Sharar, the PLO information chief murdered by Israeli intelligence agents in his hotel room in Rome earlier this year.

No matter how strong its forces,

Israel cannot crush the determination of the Palestinians. The 4 million Palestinians inside and outside the occupied land are united in support of the PLO. Despite all the terror and bribery wielded by the Israeli state, Beigin and his regime have not found a single Palestinian notable to join their discredited 'self-rule' plan.

After 15 years of Zionist occupation on the West Bank and Gaza strip there is continuous revolutionary struggle against the Israeli regime.

There can be no peace in the Middle East until the Palestinian people achieve their legitimate national rights to self-determination and the establishment of their own state in Palestine under the leadership of the PLO.

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15 YEARS OF ZIONIST TERROR

ATTACKS on south Lebanon have been a constant Israeli policy since 1973, and it is impossible to make a comprehensive list. The following chronology, taken from 'Palestine' magazine, lists some of the major Zionist outrages over the past 15 years:

December 1968: Zionist commandos raided Beirut International Airport. Thirteen commercial airliners belonging to Middle East Airlines (MEA), were completely destroyed.

January 3, 1970: Two Israeli units made up of 200 paratroops attacked and looted the village of Kfar Kala, seizing 21 hostages, 11 of them civilians.

May 22, 1970: Israeli forces attacked Bint Jbeil and three other villages, killing 20 civilians, including at least three women and two children, wounding 32 civilians and destroying 83 houses.

February 25, 1972: Israeli forces attacked south Lebanon and the Beqaa Valley, killing nine people, wounding 14 and destroying 22 houses.

February 27, 1972: Israeli Phantoms and Skyhawks bombed the Arqub region, killing 11 civilians, wounding 50 and destroying 18 buildings, including hospitals and clinics.

March 9, 1972: Israeli artillery shelled the villages of Majdal Slim, Hasbaya and Shiba, destroying several buildings and wounding three civilians.

September 8, 1972: Israeli air force bombed the refugee camps of Nahr Al-Bared, Rashay Al-Wadi and Rafid, killing 15 people, seven of them children from the same family who died with their mother, and wounding 25 others, 14 of them children.

September 17, 1972: Israeli forces attacked 16 villages in south Lebanon, destroying 130 houses, killing a family of seven members.

September 19, 1972: Zionist troops raided the south Lebanon village of Hasbaya and kidnapped five people, four of whom were civilians.

April 20, 1974: Zionist soldiers destroyed several houses in south Lebanon. Israeli spokesmen said at the time that Israel would hit any village in Lebanon where there may be Palestinian commandos.

May 16, 1974: Zionist jet fighters carried out a series of raids on the Nabatieh refugee camp in south Lebanon. Twenty-one Palestinian refugees were killed and 134 wounded.

May 17, 1974: Israeli jet fighters bombed the Palestinian camps of Rashidiyeh and Ain Al-Helweh. Five civilians were killed and 14 wounded in the attack.

November 1, 1974: Zionist commandos blew up two houses in the village of Yater in south Lebanon. Fifteen civilians were left homeless, ten of whom were children under 12.

January 2, 1975: Zionist commandos crossed into Lebanon and blew up six houses in the village of Ayteroun and Yarin. Five people were kidnapped in the raid.

January 13, 1975: For the second day running, Israeli forces raided the village of Kafr Shuba in south-east Lebanon. The

villagers, along with Palestinian commandos, fought a pitched battle with the Israelis who suffered heavy casualties.

May 26, 1975: About 250 Israeli infantrymen crossed the border into Lebanon where they were repulsed by Palestinian fighters. Twenty-five Israeli soldiers were killed in the attack.

December 4, 1975: Israeli jets raided three Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Seventy-seven people were killed and 107 injured.

June 1, 1977: Over 1,000 Zionist soldiers crossed the border into Lebanon and stormed the village of Kafr Shuba. Another force stormed the village of Helta. The Zionist forces withdrew after meeting with stiff resistance.

November 8, 1977: Zionist artillery launched the heaviest bombardment on southern Lebanon in two years. The shelling which affected an area of 20 square miles left six civilians dead and 20 other wounded.

March 13, 1978: About 32,000 Israeli soldiers entered south Lebanon in a full-scale invasion, causing several hundred deaths and creating hundreds of thousands of refugees. Israel seized a six-mile border strip, installing puppet Lebanese major Saad Haddad as its ruler.

August 22, 1978: Zionist warplanes bombed the Palestinian refugee camps of Bourj Es-Shamali and Damour killing and wounding scores of people.

October 9, 1978: Israeli naval vessels shelled south-west Beirut.

December 21, 1978: Bourj Es-Shamali camp was shelled by Israeli gunners. Twenty-five people were killed or wounded.

January 1, 1979: Israeli vessels bombarded the south Lebanon city of Tyre, killing and wounding scores of people.

April 12, 1979: Israeli gunners killed two children in Nabatiyeh and also shelled Kfar Rumman, Kfar Tibnit and Rashidiyeh camp.

April 23, 1979: Israeli planes raided the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr Al-Bared, killing three Palestinian people and wounding ten others.

April 25, 1979: Israeli planes and gunboats pounded the Palestinian refugee camp of Nabatieh in south Lebanon for two days in a row. Twenty-three people were killed and 36 injured. Hundreds of Lebanese people had to flee the area.

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