

# In defense of the Palestinian people

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Important that after a conference on Lenin, which was a real marathon because now we are more than 8-9 hours. We culminate this work by special session on Palestine. Because Palestine in struggle today against a genocidal war waged by Zionism with a full support of the collective Western imperialism. First of all the United States is the centre occupies the centre of the world political scene. Everything has changed after the Palestinian operation flag of Al Aqsa, the 7th of October. International Center of Rakovsky one week after this event, this break of continuity of political developments, not only the Middle East but all over the world, in our view, issued a statement stress the importance of this major turning point, not just the Palestinian struggle but the world history of struggle for universal human emancipation as Marx has called communism. So first of all, we want -it is not a formality- to denounce the genocide which takes place, a horrible thing which is not just a Nakba number two as both friends and enemies of the Palestinian people say. By the way in our view Nakba did not finish from 1948 until now. Had ups and downs but now we had reach very crucial point. In every minute some child is killed in Gaza and not only in Gaza. It is correct and it's important the report was just had by my friend, comrade Jeremy Lester about the West Bank.

Although the focus of the genocide now is Gaza, but it is not limited to Gaza,

the West Bank, it was always the main bastion of the most left wing most radical resistance of the Palestinian people and from the beginning the fascist government of Netanyahu and settlers they wanted the annexation of the West Bank and according to one of their minister Smotrich, even Jordan. So first of all we say “Stop the genocide, immediate ceasefire, immediate exchange of all political prisoners in the Zionist jails with all the hostages.” All for all without this Bazaar which is really a shame and a crime against humanity which is taking place.

So we stand firmly with the Palestinian resistance and the Palestinian revolution for liberation from occupation to dismantle this regime of Apartheid, this settler colonialist tyranny which tries to exterminate the whole people. Because we have not to forget that settler colonialism in difference from other forms of colonial policies it has in its own logic, genocide. Because in settler colonialism is different from other colonialism the target is not just to over exploit the local indigenous population like for example in the Apartheid regime in South Africa in the past. It is to exterminate to expel all these people. For this, this is behind, there is a logic in the madness of these declarations by the Netanyahu government by the officials of this regime to bomb with the nuclear bomb Gaza or this hideous plan to expel them not only from Gaza but from the Middle East to Africa. Repeating what Hitler and Nazism had it was the initial plan to expel all Jewish from Europe to Madagascar or another place. Then they change they move their final solution to Auschwitz. And this horrible lie, big lie, to speak in the name of the Shoah of the Auschwitz. This followers of the Nazi extermination policy, they cannot speak in the name of the victims of Nazism. Those who repeat this crimes against another people with the full help with the fascist of Europe and America from Trump to the AFD in Germany to Orban to Meloni in Italy to the fascists in Greece including the Greek far right government of Mitsotakis all of them they take the side of the Netanyahu and settler Zionist again in this genocide. So we salute the heroism of the Palestinian people. This is a condition from our part and we fight by their side. And you denounce all those who do nothing in the genocide takes place in front of them. Both not only the bourgeois governments in the West including my country not only the most of the left, the official left despite the millions of people who spontaneously they move in the streets in Europe in America and all over the world not only the Arab Muslim World in solidarity but also against the Arab reactionary regimes they do nothing but help this genocide. Only the poorest of the poor, the Yemenis the Houthis they save the honour of Arab nation in its struggle against imperialism and against Zionism today.

We don't take a quick distant position as all kind of hypocrites despite all differences we have with the methods, tactics, strategy or the lack of strategy of the Hamas or other fundamentalist forces etc. We are not neutral in the clash between imperialism, Zionism from one side on the other side the Axis of Resistance in the Middle East. Their fight is our fight for liberation by world socialist revolution.

So we see already that the war is extended beyond not only Gaza beyond occupied Palestine all over the Middle East and even beyond in the Central Asia. It is part of this imperialist war drive that express the historical impasse in which America and global capitalism is in decline is today. The war at the heart of Europe in the NATO

proxy war in Ukraine against Russia, the war of the Zionist in the Middle East for the extermination of the Palestinian people with the full help of American and Western imperialism are different moments but of the same world historical process where a decaying system, capitalism brings humanity at the brink of a abyss of the third world war and of a nuclear Holocaust. We have to wage war against war.

The enemy of course we see it commits all these crimes but we call all the forces in their own countries to look the enemy in our own countries. We have to kick out the US / NATO bases from Greece Turkey to all over the world. If we accept we know very well that all the recent attacks are sustained by the US imperialist forces in bases in Greece. They sent the Greek government they said their military their ships to this fleet of the US and British imperialist in the Red Sea and beyond. There's already an international confrontation between the forces of destruction of humanity and the forces who can by struggle, by revolutionary struggle without compromise, go to emancipation, social and national emancipation of all oppressed.

For this reason we have not just stay and see what it happens, but to use the title of a contribution by a Russian comrade today, comrade Epstein, we have to understand and act. We have a huge political responsibility we have a huge moral ethical debt. We cannot be passive and see the innocent to be killed, massacred by the tyrants of this world.

But we can see also the other side despite the magnitude the horrible dimensions of what happens in this genocidal war. We can see also the enormous weakness of our enemy. The entire US and Zionist strategy recently before the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, it was to normalise the relations between the Arab monarchies with Israel. Either with the Abraham Accords by Trump or by the Israeli Saudi pact that the Biden tried to do on the eve of this explosion. They wanted really to create, to eliminate completely the Palestinian people, to create what they say just on the eve of this explosion: a new Middle East with a corridor of prosperity and peace going from the Gulf via Israel to Europe to make as the Zionist say to have an Israel from the River to the Sea, making a mockery of the well-known slogan of the Palestinian movement. But all this and the Americans the American capitalists in this crisis in this decay, needed either from Obama to Trump and then to Biden to make the so-called people to Asia go out of the Middle East where it was a fiasco in Afghanistan in Iraq in everywhere was in American Waterloo worse than what happened in Vietnam in 1975. They wanted to go to face in Asia what they call the main strategic rival China. But the Palestinian people with its resistance, destroy this needed strategic plans of imperialism and created a new world situation. The Zionist project itself faces and implosion. We saw this all the way even before the war with the judiciary coup by the Netanyahu. We saw it during the war because I don't remember any other war or even from the first weeks or months of a war confrontation to have antiwar demonstrations or activities. This enormous political polarisation even in the Israeli Jewish population we can see that and we can we should elaborate the strategy really which appears now a Utopia but it is not Utopia, in front of this hell. We have to fight to free historical space of the Palestine and create conditions and only a socialist revolution can do it for peace. A peace who cannot exist without justice. The victory of the justice of the oppressed Palestinian people of the

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oppressed people in Arab countries of the oppressed people in the Global South of the oppressed and over exploited of working class all over the world.

On this basis we can see with confidence the horizon of our struggle for the world revolution and of the necessary instrument for this victory that build of a revolutionary international.