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CONDEMN ZIONIST-PHALANGIST MASSACRE OF PALESTINIANS

Bullet-pierced, lifeless bodies piled in rows_under the walls; decaying bodies of slain women clutching to their babies laying in the streets; elderly men shot in the head and bodies of men, young and old in the rubbles of buldozed buildings; body of a woman with tied hands, raped and tortured before her death; mourners weeping over the loss of their loved ones; these were the horrifying scenes left behind from the refugee camps of Shatila and Sabra. In the annals of history the fate of Shatila and Sabra Palestinian refugee camps will be inscribed next to the Ashwitz and other Nazi concentration camps, for there is no difference between the savagery of Hitler and fascist butchers of Zionist Israel, namely Begin and Sharon.

Heroic Palestinian people, with their noble cause and long history of struggle, had to bear yet another tragedy with such collosal dimention and the responsibility for these ruthless massacre of over 1800 innocent people should be squarely put on the U.S. imperialism, fascist Zionist Israel and their phalangist collaborators. The process of events following the withdrawal of PLO fighters from West Beirut clearly testifies to this pre-concieved Zionist-Phalangist plan. First, the U.S. imposed an early withdrawal of peace-keeping forces despite signs of eminent violence threatening the remaining Palestinian civilians in West Beirut, thus leaving Zionist army free to carry out its "mopping-up" operations. Israel first moved to eliminate left-wing and progressive Lebanese forces resisting Israely occupation and opposing the Israeli backed puppet goverment of Bashir Gemayal. In the aftermath of Gemayal's assassination Shatila and Sabra camps were shelled and on Friday, September 17, while the Zionist army had encircled the camps, the militia of mercenery Saad Haddad, armed, trained and transported to the sight by the Israelis, were permitted to enter the camps and to carry out the planned massacres of the Palestinian people.

We should not forget the scenes of the massacre in Beirut and likewise we should not forget the brutality and savegery of the Islamic Republic regime of Iran, which also matches that of the fascist Israel. The massacres of Gharna and Inderghash villages in Kurdistan were committed with the same degree of brutality. The Islamic Republic Regime of Iran is not a friend of Palestinian people and its claim of involvement in support of Palestinian struggle in Lebanon has been catagorically denied by P.L.O The heroic Palestinian and Iranian people are fighting against two enemies with equal fascist and ruthless nature. Moreover, the same weapons killing Palestinians are sold to the Islamic Republic regime to be used against Iranian people.

We condemn the barbaric acts of the Zionists and Phalangist forces in Lebanon which has caused such collosal human suffering.

VICTORY TO THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AND IRAN

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