

DFLP-PFLP: Joint Communiqué

On June 4th, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine issued the following communiqué which highlighted their joint political stand on two urgent issues: (1) the necessity of foiling the Lebanese-Israeli agreement and of imposing an Arab boycott vs. the Lebanese authorities, and (2) democratic reform in the PLO's institutions, and the protection of national unity as a guarantee for victory.

The coming days will witness the first anniversary of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, while imperialism and Zionism continue their efforts to impose complete hegemony over the Arab nation.

The main purpose of imperialism's encouragement and support of the Zionist invasion of Lebanon was to relieve the deadlock for Camp David and the civil administration, by obliterating the PLO, striking the Lebanese nationalist forces and at the same time weakening Syria and the Arab national liberation movement generally, and dealing a blow to the alliance with the socialist countries, especially with the Soviet Union. Yet another aim was to convert Lebanon into a US-Zionist protectorate in accordance with the second part of the Camp David agreement, so as to pave the way for the third, suspended plan, which is drawing the Jordanian regime into negotiations with the Zionist enemy on the basis of the Reagan plan, which aims at liquidating the Palestinian people's national cause and independent representation.

The heroic steadfastness of the forces of the Palestinian revolution, together with those of the Lebanese National Movement and Syria, foiled the enemies' aim to liquidate the PLO. The steadfastness in the face of the savage Zionist aggression strengthened our status and role among the ranks of the masses on the Arab and international level. At the same time, this pushed US imperialism and its allies in the region to embark on a political offensive, so as to achieve the aims not achieved by the invasion and its aftermath.

To this end, the Reagan plan was proposed, based on US policy with regard to the PLO and the rights of the Palestinian people... This plan met with widespread approval from Arab reaction, which promoted it from the start. Arab reaction also continued to pressure the PLO and the nationalist Arab regimes to submit to this plan, to surrender the region to US imperialist hegemony, and to respond to the conditions and greed of the Zionist entity. Arab reaction continues its efforts and pressures to exploit the complex situation

through which the Palestinian revolution and Lebanese nationalist forces are passing, taking advantage of the general Arab retreat to drive the area towards the US policy. The avenue for this is extracting concessions in favor of the Reagan plan and gaining acceptance for the capitulationist, Zionist - Lebanese agreement.

The last PNC clearly defined Palestinian national unity on a correct political basis, underscoring the PLO's adherence to the interim political program, the previous PNC resolutions, and insistence on its role as the sole representative of our people. The PNC rejected any authorization, mandating or sharing in its representation; it rejected anything which might harm the national rights of the Palestinian people: the right to return to their homeland, to self-determination and to build their independent state on their land.

The PNC resolutions also reemphasized the importance of deepening the Arab national and progressive international alliances of the PLO, and the importance of confronting all attempts and pressures aimed at forcing the PLO to change its allies - a change that would entangle it in the net of alliance with Arab reaction and imperialist liquidationist solutions.

Based on this, the PNC reemphasized its rejection of the Reagan plan, which does not recognize the rights of our people and their sole, legitimate representative. It called for a solution based on the interim political program of the PLO, and on Arab and international resolutions which support the national rights of our people.

The only way to strengthen Palestinian national unity and ensure the independence of Palestinian national decision-making is total commitment to the last PNC resolutions and putting them into practice on all political and organizational levels. This is the only way to block the road to any attempts, maneuvers or pressures designed to make the Reagan plan more alluring without making any change which alter its essence. It is also the only

way to confront all plots aimed at splitting the ranks of the Palestinian people, whether in the occupied land or outside. These plots include the recent attempts of the Jordanian regime to create a political force to replace the PLO in the name of "Popular Alliance". The strengthening of Palestinian national unity, based on the latest PNC resolutions, can guarantee that these various shady plots will meet the same miserable fate as befell the treacherous village leagues.

Haste should be made to implement a democratic reform in the framework and institutions of the PLO and in the Palestinian revolution's forces. This requires strengthening the democratic foundations of our united front and limiting the role of bourgeois, bureaucratic factions, whether military, diplomatic or administrative. This reform should be made on the basis of national unity and commitment to democratic internal dialogue, which will strengthen the role of the Palestinian revolution and its national decisions.

The national political spirit and the continuous heroic struggle of our masses under occupation, against the Zionist enemy, collaborators and reactionary bourgeois figures who support the capitulationist, US solutions, requires that the PLO leadership directly and immediately revive the Palestinian National Front in order to support the struggle of our people in the occupied land. It also requires improving the unity of our popular institutions, unions, federations and all other national bodies in the occupied land. Moreover, steps should be taken to stop the formation of other institutions or unions parallel to those already in existence, as this would hinder our people's unity in struggle and the role of their national institutions.

The Zionist-Lebanese agreement announced last month imposed basic concessions on Lebanon, which violate its sovereignty, unity, independence and Arab national identity. This agreement comes in the context of the continuing US imperialist offensive in the region, and its efforts to implement the second part of Camp David - to clear the way for the Jordanian regime to join the negotiations with the Zionist enemy in order to liquidate the national rights of the Palestinian people and strike the PLO, their sole representative.

The imminent danger posed by this agreement, and the threat it represents to Syria, the PLO and the people of the region, demands that the confrontation forces and all Arab nationalist forces and countries shoulder urgent tasks to foil its implementation and force the unconditional withdrawal of the Zionist forces from Lebanon in accordance with UN resolutions 508 and 509. The first of

these tasks is to strengthen the alliance between all forces involved in the frontline: the Lebanese nationalist forces, the PLO and Syria. Thus, the task arises to speed up the formation of a broad national front to develop and improve armed, political and mass struggle against the occupation.

The PLO is required to escalate its struggle against this agreement, which greatly harms the Palestinian cause and the interests of our people in Lebanon. The PLO should refuse to withdraw its forces from the Beqaa and the North, and should safeguard the political, security and social interests of the Palestinian people in Lebanon.

The determination of the US and the Zionist entity to carry out this agreement reflects their intention to wage a new war. Thus, Syria, the PLO and the Lebanese nationalist forces are required to take serious steps to confront this offensive and foil its aims. This requires that all nationalist forces and countries shoulder the serious responsibility of supporting the frontline forces. Moreover, it requires developing our relations and alliance with the socialist countries, first and foremost with the Soviet Union.

The humiliating Lebanese-Zionist agreement, and the threat it represents to the interests, rights and aspirations of the masses, requires that all Arab countries commit themselves to the resolutions of the previous Arab summits and take the initiative to enact measures of economic and political boycott against the Lebanese government, to force it to abandon this agreement. This also demands taking political and material measures to support the frontline forces, enabling them to remain steadfast and to resist.

On this occasion, let us intensify our struggle to foil the Reagan plan and the capitulationist Zionist-Lebanese agreement. Let us remain on guard, ready to confront all possible US-Zionist offensives. Let us escalate armed struggle against the occupation. Let us face all attempts to strike the Palestinian nationalist ranks with determination. Let us struggle to consolidate Palestinian national unity within the framework of the PLO on the democratic foundations of a common front, based on the resolutions of the PNC.

- Long live the struggle of our people for the cause of their inalienable rights
- Long live the PLO, sole legitimate representative of our people
- Long live the struggle of the Lebanese people to foil the capitulationist agreement
- Glory to the martyrs of the Zionist invasion of Lebanon
- Freedom to the militant detainees in the jails of the Zionist and Lebanese authorities