

Together we shall win!

A LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Comrades:

Starting from April, the Israeli authorities undertook a new fierce campaign of terror and repression against the population of the occupied Arab territories. It can be seen from the Israeli press that this campaign is 'politically motivated:' it is directed against the patriotic and democratic forces of the Palestine people, against all opponents of imperialism and Israeli occupation. Thousands of honest patriots have been languishing in the invaders' jails since 1967, hundreds of Palestinian Arabs have become victims of the present wave of violence. Their only crime is in being against the Israeli occupation and in championing the people's right to self-determination.

In their efforts to crush our people's will to fight and ability to resist, the Israeli aggressors have created in the occupied territories an atmosphere of terror reminiscent of the evil days of German fascism.

Under special laws hundreds of Palestinians have been jailed without any charges being presented. Even official figures place their numbers at nearly one thousand. Among those in jail are prominent political and trade union leaders, intellectuals, students and active workers: the occupying forces want to deprive the people of leaders capable of heading the struggle.

The invaders directed their main blow against our Party and the Palestine National Front in the occupied territories, the first major resistance organization to be formed in the West Bank territory since it was occupied by Israel in the June 1967 war. Communists and their comrades in the National Front are accorded the 'special attention' of the murderers from Shin Beth (Israel's security service). What is the fate of a man behind bars in an Israeli prison? I shall write of only one example out of many, Suleiman Rashid El-Najjab, member of the Central Committee of the Jordanian Communist Party. The occupation authorities hunted for him for four years, considering him the first in command in the Jordanian CP in the West Bank, the second in command in the National Front, and the third in command in a military organization. Arrested in Jerusalem on April 30, 1974, he

remains in jail to this day where he is subjected to torture and suffering. Blows on the face are not regarded as part of the torture in Israeli jails: prisoners are beaten on the heels and reproductive organs, they are hung from the ceiling and given electric shocks. Between one round of torture and another, to keep the prisoner from relaxing, his right foot is tied at the height of 30 cm to the iron cell door. Suleiman El-Najjab and his comrades passed through this conveyor of torture without flinching. Many of them died under torture but remained true to the cause of the people and freedom.

The great courage displayed by Communists and their comrades in the National Front arouses the respect of the people and strengthens the Party's influence among the masses. Here is a typical example. Hassan Abdul Majid Khdeir, an Arab student from Jerusalem, in reply to the torturers' demand, 'Admit you are a Communist and a member of the National Front,' declared, 'I am not a member of anything, I haven't had the honor yet.'

Despite the inhuman conditions imposed by the occupation, the morale of our masses remains high. Led by the Palestine National Front in the occupied territories, our masses confront the Israeli terrorist campaign courageously and stubbornly. We are confident that our people, the Communist Party and the National Front will hold out and win with the help and support of brother Arab peoples, the Arab national-liberation movement, the forces of peace, freedom and progress, in the vanguard of which is the world socialist community headed by the Soviet Union and its glorious Leninist party.

Dear comrades,

We look forward to your solidarity and support so as to overcome the difficult conditions that face our people, the Communist Party and the National Front because of the brutality of the Israeli aggressors. Your support and help strengthen our belief in the ultimate victory. In them we draw strength enabling us to step up the struggle against the common enemy - the imperialist-zionist-reactionary alliance.

We would be extremely grateful if you published this letter as one more act of protest by Communists of the world against the brutalities of the Israeli aggressors in the occupied Arab territories.

We believe that our joint struggle will help save our comrades from prison and drive out the invaders.

Long live freedom!

Long live solidarity!

With our fraternal Communist greetings
and regards,
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