

FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLES OF EL SALVADOR AND PALESTINE!

THE SAME ISRAELI WEAPONS USED AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR ARE ALSO USED TO MAIM AND KILL PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND GAZA. BOTH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND THE RULING JUNTA IN EL SALVADOR DEPRIVE THE PALESTINIAN AND EL SALVADORAN PEOPLES OF THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THAT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION FORCES HAVE DEVISED A NUMBER OF SCHEMES TO PREVENT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE AND HAVE SOUGHT TO ENFORCE THESE SCHEMES BY BRUTAL MEASURES. THE LATEST OF THESE SCHEMES, THE ALLEGED "CIVIL ADMINISTRATION," LED BY MENACHEM MILSON, A RESERVE GENERAL IN THE ISRAELI ARMY, IS BUT ANOTHER STEP IN THE PROCESS OF TOTAL ANNEXATION OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

THE CREATION OF THE SO-CALLED VILLAGE LEAGUES, A QUISLING BODY OF TRAPPED COLLABORATORS, IS INTENDED TO BY-PASS NATIONAL SENTIMENT AND THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BY THE PLO, AND TO LEGALIZE ISRAELI MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THESE TERRITORIES.

THE CLOSURE SINCE LAST NOVEMBER OF BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY, THE LARGEST UNIVERSITY ON THE WEST BANK, EMPHASIZES ISRAEL'S DETERMINATION TO DEPRIVE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF EXERCISING EVEN THE MOST BASIC OF ACADEMIC FREEDOMS.

THE DEMOLITION OF HOMES, MASSIVE ARRESTS AND WHOLESALE EXPROPRIATION OF PALESTINIAN LAND IS A PROGRAM OF COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT AIMED AT THE DESTRUCTION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL IDENTITY.

DISMISSAL OF THE POPULARLY-ELECTED MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF EL-BIREH, RAMALLAH AND NABLUS BY ISRAEL IS AIMED AT PREVENTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM DETERMINING THEIR OWN DESTINY ON THEIR OWN LAND.

DAILY SHOOTINGS OF UNARMED PALESTINIAN YOUTHS BY ISRAELI TROOPS AND ARMED SETTLERS UNDERSCORE BEGIN'S METHOD OF SOLVING THE "PALESTINIAN PROBLEM" BY WAGING A WAR OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THEM.

THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WHO REFUSED TO BUCKLE UNDER THE WEIGHT OF ISRAELI OPPRESSION, ARE RESOLVED TO CONTINUE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO, THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION, UNTIL THESE GOALS ARE REALIZED.

WE CALL UPON ALL FREEDOM-LOVING AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO ASSUME THEIR HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO STAND ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE -- THE SIDE OF PALESTINE.

ISRAEL has become the supplier of dirty weapons for the whole world.

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According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Israel was the largest third world supplier of weapons to the third world between 1970 and 1979. Most of the exports went to the Latin American states of Nicaragua (under Somoza), El Salvador, Guatemala, Chile, Argentina and others. Israel armed Nicaragua under Somoza until the bitter end, when Somoza's arms imports were from Israel even before it. President Carter cut off American sales to the brutal dictatorship. SIPRI also reports that from 1970 to 1979, Israel supplied 83% of El Salvador's arms imports. The *New York Times* reported that when Guatemala was refused further U.S. military aid because of its atrocious human rights record, Israel readily filled the gap. More recently, according to the *March 1, 1982* Israeli establishment newspaper *Davar*, Israel agreed to divert \$20 million of the U.S. \$21 million in aid from the U.S. allocated to it by the U.S. in 1981, so that the Reagan administration could send it to El Salvador. This maneuver was necessary since the administration had already exceeded its foreign military aid budget and more money was needed to prop up the Salvadorean junta. This secret rebate is probably illegal under U.S. law since it was done without U.S. congressional approval.

These are only some aspects of Israel's role in policing the world for big business. Israel's single largest military customer is South Africa, and it was a firm supporter of the Shah of Iran. Israel's support of brutally repressive and racist regimes is not new. It was an objective stated by the father of political Zionism, Theodore Herzl, when he said that Israel would be "part of a wall of defense for Europe in Asia, an outpost of civilization against barbarism."

The root of the Israeli "outpost" policy is apartheid directed towards the indigenous Palestinian Arab population (as well as its discrimination against oriental Jews), the absolute repression of intellectual, educational, and nationalist activity directed against its neighbors, which are carried out with the same weapons that are sold to Central American dictators. To massacre the Arab people or to massacre the peoples of El Salvador are inseparable aspects of the American and Zionist colonial alliance.

No U.S. arms or troops to Central America!

No U.S. arms or troops to Israel or the Middle East!



Above: Remains of the wreckage of a plane shot down by the Israeli army in the West Bank, 1978. Below: A young boy, shot where Israeli planes dropped a cluster bomb.



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