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CUAD's Support of the Palestinian people and all oppressed people's Right to Resist

As a colonized people living under Zionism—which like other forms of settler colonialism, operates on a logic of elimination and replacement of the native—Palestinians have consistently affirmed their right to resist since the 1948 Nakba.

This right to resist is grounded in international law, notably under Protocol I of the Geneva Conventions and UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/38/17. However, it is crucial to emphasize that this right primarily arises from the fundamental necessity to protect and sustain one's life and livelihood.

To demand that Palestinians refrain from resistance is akin to asking them to accept their own slaughter without protest, even as their lands are systematically divided, youth are arbitrarily imprisoned, family members are extrajudicially killed, cities are stripped of economic vitality, homes are stolen by settlers, and their lives exist in constant limbo at the other end of an occupation soldier's weapon.

Palestinians from various political backgrounds engage in diverse forms of resistance, both armed and unarmed. Palestine boasts a vibrant civil society movement, a high literacy rate, and a rich cultural scene featuring poets, writers, and thinkers at the forefront of cultural resistance. In 2018, during the Great March of Return, Palestinians in Gaza marched peacefully toward the border of occupied 1948 lands (ie the Zionist entity), only to be met with a barrage of sniper fire. Palestinians at the march were systematically assassinated or permanently disabled by the IOF.

In the absence of a national army, Palestinians also assert their right to armed resistance through various local factions, affirming their right to a dignified existence and striving to protect their land and families.

The Barricade - "Reporting on the Resistance as Progressive" (8/16/2024)

A reader emailed us with criticisms in response to our last few publications in which we reported on the military advances of Hamas and Ansarallah. Their main criticisms were that 1. our assessment of Hamas and Ansarallah as progressive forces is incorrect, and 2. we risk splintering the movement if we report on these resistance groups positively. Recognizing that other readers may share similar criticisms, we respond to them here. ²

We disagree with the reader's first criticism that our assessment of Hamas and Ansarallah as progressive forces is incorrect. Assessing whether a military force is progressive or reactionary requires an examination of whether it is advancing or impeding the destruction of imperialism, respectively, which correlates with the strengthening or weakening of the national liberation and working class movements internationally. We reported on Ansarallah's successes in weakening US imperialism in last week's publication. Through their maritime operations, Ansarallah has made it impossible for US and allied countries' shipments to use the Red Sea, and Ansarallah has recently developed a drone that penetrated through Israel's US-funded radar systems undetected. These successes have weakened imperialism by disrupting its profits, so much so that the economies of countries such as Italy and Israel have been profoundly impacted. It has also educated the oppressed people of the world that it is possible to attack and weaken imperialism through armed struggle despite how well-funded and well-armed the imperialists and their lackeys may be. Hence, Ansarallah is assessed as principally a progressive force.

The question of whether Hamas is a progressive force can be assessed in the same way. Hamas's indisputable role as the leading force of an anti-imperialist struggle is reflected in its popularity amongst the Palestinian people, with surveys indicating substantial increases in support for Hamas among Palestinians since October 7th. At the funeral of Hamas's martyred leader, Ismail Haniyeh, thousands attended amidst the scorching 115 degree heat, and Palestinian refugees gave speeches commemorating Haniyeh as "the best leader of Gaza" and "a patriot who struggled to free Palestine from Israeli occupation." The Palestinian masses' support for Hamas is observed in the consistent strengthening of Hamas's forces despite Israel's ³

killing of many of the group's leaders and fighters. Almost half of Hamas's military units in northern and central Gaza have recovered their fighting capacities in spite of Israel's genocidal aggression, and the IOF has consistently been met with greater resistance when they invade areas for a second time after claiming that the area is "clear" following their first offensive. Hamas's quick recovery can be attributed to its broad support in the Palestinian masses, who join their units due to their successes in leading the struggle. As the leading force of the anti-imperialist struggle backed by the Palestinian people, Hamas is assessed as principally a progressive force.

The assessment of Hamas as a progressive force is also supported by the successes of the Hamas-led Palestinian resistance in weakening US imperialist-backed Israel materially and morally. The IOF has admitted that they have lost a substantial number of tanks, that many of their remaining tanks are too damaged to be used in combat, and that no new tanks can join its forces for the foreseeable future. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who had pushed for the invasion of Lebanon earlier in the war, has now assessed that such invasion will backfire, as "current conditions are opposite from the beginning of the war." Most ostensibly, the resistance's military advances have made it impossible for Israel to achieve its goals of releasing prisoners of war and destroying Hamas. Only 3 exchange last November, and as stated above, Hamas' size and capabilities have only continued to grow. Israel has failed in getting anywhere close to achieving its goals, despite the billions of dollars in military equipment it regularly receives from the US. Not only is the resistance undermining US influence in the region, but the undeniable victory of the resistance in this war has also confirmed imperialism's inevitable downfall. The successes

of the resistance, led primarily by Hamas, have exposed that it is the unity and militancy of the masses - not the imperialists' genocidal money - that determine the course of history.

Assessing Hamas and Ansarallah as principally progressive forces in an anti-imperialist struggle does not mean that one has to agree with every aspect of the nature of these forces, or that they have always been or always will be principally progressive. These other aspects are secondary to the issue at hand, which is their role in carrying out a national liberation war against their oppressors.

The reader's second criticism is that we may risk splintering the movement if we report on these resistance groups positively. We agree with an aspect of this criticism: that upholding unity and uniting broadly are crucial in strengthening our ability to win our demands. Campus movements in the past have been able to win divestment with the organized participation of students, faculty, staff, and the community in their thousands. We must struggle to unite with everyone who will sympathize with our demand for Columbia to divest from genocide.

We disagree with the other aspect of this criticism: that one way in which we should preserve the unity of the movement is by not reporting on the advances of resistance groups like Hamas and Ansarallah. Readers of *The Barricade* have subscribed due to their interest in supporting the campus movement demanding Columbia to divest from the US-backed genocide of the Palestinian people, and we are all united around this demand. The Palestinian armed resistance is carrying out a national liberation war against the perpetrators of this genocide. The Barricade must report updates on the Palestinian resistance and the US-backed genocide, as our movement cannot be separated from these changes unfolding on the ground in Palestine... (continued)

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Born in 1953, Ahmed Sa'adat is a gaunt in the Palestinian political struggle. However, he remains steadfast, as he regularly expresses solidarity with the ongoing struggle, lending his support to other prisoners, such as Georges Abdallah, whom he refers to as "the general of PFLP prisoners". The Zionist enemy does not want to see the day Sa'adat is liberated, for it would change the entire political landscape of Palestine—bringing the Zionists closer to realizing their goal of annihilating the Zions. Sa'adat is alongside 11,000 other Palestinians being held in Zionist prisons, will soon return home. Long live Ahmed Sa'adat long live the PFLP long live the Palestinian armed resistance!



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ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT - HAMAS

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

A CALL TO OUR ARAB AND ISLAMIC NATION AND THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD: LET US ALL UNITE WITH GAZA AND PALESTINE UNTIL THE AGGRESSION STOPS.

In the face of the continued Nazi occupation's genocide and the horrific massacres committed by the zionist occupation over two months against more than two million Palestinian citizens, we call upon the masses of our Arab and Islamic nation, its scholars, men, institutions, and active forces to come out in roaring crowds tomorrow, Friday, and all the coming days in every city, capital, and square, to actively participate in solidarity marches and demonstrations with our people in the Gaza Strip, pressuring for the introduction of relief, humanitarian, and medical aid to all parts of the Gaza Strip, and to stop the zionist aggression against defenseless peoples.

We also renew our invitation to the free people and those with living consciences around the world to continue and escalate their global public movement, rejecting the occupation's crimes, in solidarity with our people and their just cause and legitimate struggle, calling for an end to the aggression and the genocide against children, women, and civilians. Let us all unite tomorrow, Friday, and in the coming days, expressing our solidarity with Gaza and Palestine, against the crimes of the occupation, until the aggression stops.

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- Ahed Tamimi

"I hope the media stops showcasing the Palestinian as someone begging for the world's sympathy, players and money. I hope they portray us as freedom fighters in order to gain fighters and partners in the struggle."

We have information that the occupation army was preparing, after the holidays, to launch a major aggression against our people in the West Bank and Gaza. The battle is coming, and the aggression began with the desecration of the sanctities and the enemy's intention to attack Gaza and the West Bank.

We are ready to defend the dignity and freedom of our people.

We hope that the resistance will cover all of Palestinian land, and God willing, there will be effective solidarity and a strong stance from both the Arab and Muslim nations.

The resistance is prepared for the worst scenarios, including ground invasion. An Israeli scenario for us to settle the conflict against the enemy.

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THE THAWABIT: (fundamental principles of the Palestinian struggle created by the F.L.D. in 1977)

- Reject colonialism in all its manifestations.
- Denounce normalization in all its forms.
- Support resistance against the Zionist movement by any means necessary.
- Free Palestine from occupation by soldiers and settlers. Never to sign with AQuds as her capital.
- Secure right of return for all Palestinians.
- End all forms of discrimination and self-determination and self-autonomy.

NOTES FROM THE RESISTANCE

**REJECT NORMALIZATION OF
THE ZIONIST ENTITY AND ITS
AGENTS. EMRACE THE
THAWABIT AND ALL FORMS OF
PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE.**

THIS BOOKLET IS PART OF A COORDINATED AND INTENTIONAL EFFORT TO UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THAWABIT AND THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT OVERALL. BY TRANSMITTING THE WORDS OF THE RESISTANCE DIRECTLY, THIS MATERIAL AIMS TO BUILD POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN WAR OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, A WAR WHICH IS WAGED THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE

The following speeches, poems and quotes reflect a variety of Palestinian voices and perspectives, and are sourced mostly from Resistance News Network