

Political Statement

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On April 9-10, 1984, the Central Committee of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine held its 8th regular plenum in which it reviewed all important developments and political events on the different international, Arab and Palestinian levels.

In particular the Central Committee discussed the significant victories accomplished by the Lebanese National Forces in confronting the imperialist, Zionist, fascist project which aimed at making Lebanon a bridge-head, through which a new link of the imperialist plan was to be inserted, thereby aiming to spread the policy of Camp David in the Arab region.

The steadfastness and struggle of the heroic Lebanese people on the military and political levels, the stubborn and heroic fighting waged by the armed National Resistance Front in South Lebanon, the great victories achieved in the mountains, Beirut and its southern suburb, and the decisive and solid position taken by Syria and the national progressive forces on the Arab and the international levels supporting the Lebanese National Forces-made Lebanon a solid barrier opposed to the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary plans. This culminated in the victories of the Lebanese National Forces by the great historic achievement represented by the abrogation of the agreement of subordination and treason: the May 17 agreement.

The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. deeply considered this great historic victory, discussed its significances, and the anticipated dimensions of abrogating this agreement and emphasized the following:

First: The abrogation of the agreement came less than one year after signing it, a great historic victory accomplished by the Lebanese people, their national forces supported by the progressive Arab and international forces. It represented an important point in the development of Lebanon and the Arab region. This great event reflects the victory of the Lebanese people's will to fight against the outcome of the vicious imperialist, Zionist, reactionary aggression which culminated in the June aggression of 1982.

Second: The victory afflicted a defeat of the course of Camp David in Lebanon, thereby to the US-Zionist-Phalangist reactionary alliance, and it reclaimed nationalist Lebanon to its natural position of confronting capitulationist plans, first and foremost the liquidationist Reagan plan.

Third: The abrogation of the May 17 agreement is a tremendous victory for the Palestinian revolution and Syria in their opposition to the course of Camp David. It is a victory for the Arab Liberation Movement and its friend and allies in the world, in the forefront our friend the Soviet Union.

Fourth: The abrogation of the agreement is a defeat to the course of the capitulating Palestinian right-wing who proceeded to accept the collapse of Lebanon under the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary hegemony. After the evacuation of the Palestinian resistance from Beirut, in particular, the Palestinian right-wing began to get closer to the proposed imperialist solutions in the Arab region.

Fifth: This victory reaffirms the historic inevitability of this epoch: the people's victory and the enemy's defeat is inevitable. It gives clear evidence that the plans of imperialism and their allies are not fatal. The American ambitions to act singlehandedly in the region, strike at the Arab Liberation Movement and liquidate the Palestinian Revolution, are not liable to be implemented except in a defeatist, capitulationist climate, agitated for by the circles of Arab reaction on the base of «There is power and no strength» in confronting America and the Zionist enemy. For our Palestinian people and Arab nation this victory puts forward the revolutionary alternative to the cause of capitulation and subordination and reaffirms the credibility of armed struggle and people's war.

Sixth: This victory reaffirmed the significance of the solid alliance between the Arab Liberation Movement and the world revolutionary forces, in the forefront our friend the Soviet Union and all countries of the socialist community, which firmly and decisively supported the Lebanese national forces, Syria and the Palestinian Revolution in opposing the imperialist, Zionist, and fascist plans for Lebanon.

The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. reaffirmed that the battle in Lebanon is not yet over. Though the imperialist, Zionist, fascist forces faced a great defeat, they will not simply accept it. Through different methods, they will work to reimpose their plans. This demands more vigilance, awareness and preparations and calls for deepening the alliance between the Lebanese National Forces, Syria and the Palestinian Revolution to confront the coming aggressive plans. In particular, the imperialist and Zionist circles did not stop their threats to wage a broad aggression against Syria, due to its firm and decisive position opposing their plans in the Arab region and its support to the Lebanese National Forces. This position played an important role in the abrogation of the May 17 agreement.

The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. reaffirmed the importance of joint action between the Palestinian Revolution

and the Lebanese National Forces to escalate armed struggle against the Zionist occupation in Southern Lebanon; to aid the struggle of the Lebanese National Forces to secure a united, independent Arab Lebanon and its democratic development; to organize relations between the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese National Movement to protect the security of our masses and camps in Lebanon and to preserve their civil and social rights to organizational and political work, fight the Zionist enemy, join the ranks of the revolution and guarantee the rights of the PLO and its institutions in Lebanon. The Central Committee reaffirmed that all this would have to be implemented through total coordination with the Lebanese National Forces which lead the struggle in the Lebanese arena.

On the Palestinian level, the Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. discussed the developments witnessed in the region. In particular, it considered the situation facing the PLO which is still suffering from internal, sharp and deep problems. This is due to the policy of deviation and division practiced by the capitulating leadership of the Palestinian right-wing represented by Yasser Arafat and his political supporters. This policy is an obvious departure from the national program and the resolutions of the consecutive sessions of the Palestinian National Council (the PNC). The development of events affirmed the correctness of the political views and positions of the PFLP, which emphasized that Arafat's visit to the regime of Camp David was not an ephemeral mistake or an individual action, but a studied and planned step firmly connected to the course of deviation, capitulation and dealing with the imperialist solutions which aim to liquidate the national rights of our people. Thus, this visit and the concerted moves that followed it with the Arab reactionaries, in particular the Jordanian regime, form a decisive turning point in the right-wing course, its clear transition from a position of being hesitantly willing to deal with the American solutions and settlements to a position of gaspily searching for a role on the basis of these liquidationist solutions represented by the Camp David accords and Reagan plan.

The Arafat-Hussein-Mubarak alliance shows the dangerous role which this capitulating Palestinian right wing began to play in connection to the imperialist plans in the Arab region. The coordination, participation and alliance with King Hussein, who is preparing himself to usurp the right to represent the Palestinian people, carries the gravest dangers for the future of our people's struggle and the PLO.

The development of events revealed the dangerous role the Jordanian regime is preparing to play by totally coordinating and aligning with US imperialism. The critical statements of King Hussein towards the trustworthy American promises to America's Arabs cannot impair the strong bases of this alliance or hinder its reality.

The dangers of the Jordanian role were clearly demonstrated, when the Amman authorities proceeded to revive the Jordanian Parliament, especially its Palestinian

branch, after almost one decade of suspension. This move offers more proofs of the determination of the Jordanian regime to expropriate the sole representation of our people by the PLO. The dangers of this process can not be totally understood except by viewing it in the context of Camp David, the Reagan plan and the solidifying of the triple alliance between Arafat, Hussein and Mubarak.

The Jordanian role exposes extreme dangers in the light of the possibilities for the Al-Mirakh alignment to return to power in the Zionist entity. This question raises the possibilities of reaching a Middle Regional solution which depends on «a Jordanian bias» and adopts the liquidationist essence of both projects, the «United Kingdom» and the «Confederation» which gives the relations between the capitulationist right wing and the Jordanian regime a dangerous dimension surpassing any previous stage.

Arafat's visit to Jordan, his discussions with King Hussein, their joint agreement on major issues, and the joint declared alliance between them - which carries some significance in the light of the history of the Jordanian reactionary regime, its aggressive policies towards the Palestinian cause, all Arab liberation movements and progressive questions, and his ambitions to be the old-new heir of the PLO - offers the final evidence for the determination of the capitulationist Palestinian right wing to continue the course of deviation, not abiding to the resolutions reaffirmed by the Palestinian National Council. This reaffirms the correctness of the PFLP line calling for Arafat's resignation and removal from the chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the PLO, as he is no longer trusted in relation to the PLO resolutions and National Program.

The rightist deviationist policy had a set of negative reflections on conditions inside the occupied territories. The most important one was that it provided an opportunity for reactionary elements - proteges of Jordan and the Zionist entity to start a set of moves which aims to put pressure on Arafat to make him authorize Jordan to speak on behalf of the Palestinians and thus bypassing the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and their national cause, and to provide an opportunity for people like Shawa and Elias Freij and other reactionary elements to exploit the split taking place in the political position of the PLO in order to direct blows to the democratic and progressive Palestinian forces inside the occupied homeland under various pretexts.

The Central Committee considered the conditions in the occupied homeland and reviewed the destructive and dangerous reflections resulting from the rightist deviationist policy led by Yasser Arafat, which entails the greatest harm to our people's struggle there. The Central Committee expressed its deep pride in our people's struggle in the occupied territories, their courageous opposition to the Zionist enemy's plans, and their decisive confrontation to the rightist deviationist policy of the capitulationist Palestinian right wing. These steadfast masses continuously reaffirm their commitment and belief in the unity of the PLO on the basis of its national program hostile to

imperialism, Zionism and reaction, and their persistence to oppose all attempts of deviation, capitulation and division.

Moreover, The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. deeply considered the talks in Aden and the results of the quadruple meeting between the Joint Leadership, the Palestine Liberation Front and the Palestinian Communist Party. It reaffirmed its great gratification and high esteems of these talks and their outcomes, as what happened in Aden represents an important step towards implementing the unity of the Palestinian arena and the ranks of the PLO and creating a broad Palestinian national front within the PLO to confront the course of deviation and capitulation.

While the Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. highly evaluates the results of the Aden talks, it reaffirms its great concern to the need of having a comprehensive Palestinian national dialogue with all Palestinian forces in order to create a broad Palestinian national front within the PLO to oppose the course of deviation and capitulation and to preserve and strengthen the unity of the PLO on the basis of its national program hostile to Imperialism, Zionism and Arab Reaction.

The great danger surrounding our people's cause and revolution require that all Palestinian forces, striving to continue the revolution and the Palestinian armed struggle, to unite their efforts and potentials in order to preserve the revolutionary march of our people and to eradicate the course of deviation and capitulation, and to preserve the unity of the PLO, so that the revolution will continue to realize the objective of our people and their national aspirations.

On the Arab level, The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. discussed the recent development on all levels. In particular, it considered the positive development witnessed in the Arab arena. The mass movement in Sudan, Tunisia, and Morocco clearly shows that the dilemma of the capitulating and reactionary Arab regimes has started to enter an aggravating stage on different levels - political, social and economic. The Arab

situation is beginning to witness the emerge of a mass rise which covers the whole Arab area, and gives the Arab liberation forces and their allies an opportunity to seize the initiative and wage a counter attack backed by the great victory achieved in Lebanon which transformed the Lebanese National Movement, the Palestinian Revolution and Syria from positions of defense to positions of offense.

On the international level, The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. discussed the recent developments and considered in particular the aggressive policy of the USA. This policy is an outcome of the general crisis of the world capitalist system on various economic, political and social aspects, whereby Imperialism attempts to rid itself of this crisis by escalating its aggressive policy against the people, increase tensions in the world by returning to the policy of cold war and redeployment of Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Europe and thus threatening humanity with a danger of nuclear catastrophe.

In confronting this policy, all peoples and progressive forces in the world, countries of the socialist community, with the Soviet Union in the forefront rise to limit this policy and to establish peace and freedom, the aspirations of all peoples.

The national liberation movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America confront the aggressive policy of the US through escalating their armed struggle backed by all progressive and peace loving peoples of the world.

At the end of its plenum, The Central Committee of the P.F.L.P. saluted the masses of our people in the occupied homeland and the fighting masses in Southern Lebanon. Moreover, it saluted the steadfast heroes of our people in the prisons of Zionist occupation and of reactionary regimes.

**LONG LIVE THE ARMED PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION
WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS**

The Central Committee of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
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