Hassan Nasrallah gave speech during a ceremony for the first anniversary of Imad Mugniyah’s assassination. Hezbollah’s Secretary General says all parties involved in the Israeli elections share the same hostile attitude towards the Muslims. Seyed Hassan Nasrallah, in a Montrelez televised speech marking the first anniversary of Imad Mugniyah’s assassination, said that “all the Israeli leaders who threaten us were defeated in Lebanon...” (Michaele Bachon), Begin, (Ariel) Sharon, (Yitzhak) Rabin, (Ehud) Barak, (Benjamin) Netanyahu, (Ehud) Olmert, (Shimon) Peres and the war leader Likid. The Hezbollah leader’s comments come as Netanyahu, the leader of the right wing Likud party, is likely to form a coalition government and assume power. Nasrallah went on to say that the outcome of the Gaza war indici-ates that the Israeli army is not capable of winning a battle. “What happened in Gaza is a military and political failure for Isra-el.” The Gaza war which lasted for three weeks claimed almost 1,400 Palestin- ian lives, including women and chil-dren, but eventually failed to achieve the objectives Tel Aviv had set at the beginning of the offensive. The He-zbollah leader also warned that any future Israeli government that sought another war against Lebanon would “receive a lesson from the students of Imad Mugniyah.” Imad Mugniyah, the movement’s top military com-mander was killed in a car bomb attack in February 2007, in Damascus. Hezbollah has vowed to avenge the murder, saying all evidence gathered so far indicate the involvement of Isra- eI’s spy agency Mossad in the assassi-nation. “Israel is not as mighty as it used to be and the resistance is not as weak as it used to be,” Nasrallah added. He also noted that giving con-cessions to reach a peace with Israel would never bring peace. “We believe the regime would be emboldened in such a case.”

Mobilization Against War & Occupation
April 25th Antiwar Rally Resolution

WHEREAS the Canada, U.S. and NATO occupation of Afghanistan continues with a civilian death toll that rose by 40% in 2008, and over 50,000 Afghans have been killed in this unjust, criminal war drive. To date Canada’s occupation in Afghanistan has cost over 11 billion in taxpayer dollars.

WHEREAS U.S. President Obama has decided to send an additional 21,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan. This war drive has spiraled from Pakistan with a U.S. bombing campaign that has killed hundreds of people.

WHEREAS the brutal reality of the war in Afghanistan is hitting home, as the 117th soldier, 21 year old Karine Blais, was killed on Monday April 13.

WHEREAS Israel’s latest attacks on Gaza killed over 1,300 innocent Palestinians, half of whom were children and women, and has continued the genocide of Palestinian people with their 23 month blockade on food, fuel and medical supplies into Gaza.

WHEREAS six years of war, bombings, houses raided, and the destruction of Israel at the hands of U.S. and UK and Israeli occupation forces has amounted to the death of over 1.7 million Iraqis.

WHEREAS U.S. and U.K. continue to provide their warships, their mass armies and their military support to the occupation forces.

WHEREAS after two months of the 5th anniversary of the Canadian, U.S. and France invasion of Iraq, where they overthrew the democratically elected President, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, today nearly 10,000 US soldiers are still occupying, plundering and killing people in Haiti.

WHEREAS in the Sri Lankan Government’s military campaign against the Tamil people, the UN estimates that the 6,500 Tamil people have been killed, 13,000 wounded and more than 200,000 have been dislocated in the last three months.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That we, as women, elders, youth, people of color, workers, poor, working and organized people, stand united with our brothers and sisters around the world to have these demands met immediately.

That we demand an end to the war occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the ongoing threats of war against the people of Iran and that above all their self-determination rights be respected.

That we support fully the self-determination of the Zionist, imperialist people and an end to the 61 year occupation of Palestine and the current Israeli criminal blockade of Gaza.

That we support the Tamil people’s struggle for independence and democratic right to self-determination.

That the Sri Lankan government must stop the war and genocide of the Tamil people.

That the Sri Lankan government accepts a cease-fire immediately.

That all Tamil Leaders and detainees be released from prison immediately.

That the Sri Lankan government lift the blockade on the Tamil areas and let all media and aid agencies access the people trapped in the war zone.

That the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) be removed from Canadian and U.S. government’s list of terrorist organizations.

That Canada, U.S. and all countries open the door unconditionally to all Tamil refugees.

Self Determination for All Oppressed Nations!
The defense of American War Resisters, soldiers who refuse to fight in Iraq and come to Canada demanding refugee status, is an important struggle for the antiwar movement and for poor and working people here in Canada, the U.S. and all over the world. When Jer- eny Hinzman became the first U.S. soldier to cross the border in 2004 he immediately became a part of the anti-war movement in Canada. He spoke at rallies and forums and made his claim public, highlighting the violation of his rights as a soldier and the gross reality of the U.S. war and occupation of Iraq.

Most importantly, Hinzman did not stand alone for long, as many others have joined him. In February 2005 the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) denied Hinzman refugee status, but this has not interrupted the flow of U.S. War Resisters into Canada. Since the war on Iraq began, the Pentagon admits that 15,000 soldiers have left the service (Without Leave). Countless numbers (with estimates of between 300 to more than 600) of these soldiers are underground in cit- ies all across Canada or walking around the border. Approximately 40 to 50 have come forward to file for asylum. It is important that soldiers who refuse to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan be given the space to speak out against these wars. We must defend these soldiers of humanity and fight against their depor- tations in order to prevent them from being persecuted for their conscientious objec- tion to the war.

U.S. War Resisters in Canada are not silent, but powerful opponents to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. As U.S. soldiers, they have a perspective and voice that no one else can provide; many have fought on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan and have been destro- yed, death and the everyday life of people living under occupation. These soldiers’ words are deeply human and come directly from poor and working people in the U.S. - people who face intense recruitment tactics and monetary incentives as the Army struggles to meet enlistment quotas. Their words come amidst the quagmires in Iraq and Afghanistan: as people who were forced to join the military as the only means to an education and a viable future.

Daniel Anderson, a soldier who spent seven months in Iraq before returning home on a short leave and seeking refuge in Canada, has participated in numerous anti-war events all over Eastern Canada. He returned to the U.S. in September 2006. “The first step you take in Baghdad, you realize that there’s death and destruction all over the place. No weapons of mass destruction in sight. We’re fighting people that we’re supposed to help, but in fact they hate us and every time you walk down the street they shout at you because you occupy their country. You’re asked to get in their houses, in their businesses, block the roads, but you’re an occupying power, you’re messing up their daily life. You’re not a liberator.”

Although 64 percent of Canadians are in favour of granting permanent residency to U.S. War Resist- ers, the Conservative government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper has so far rejected all of the desert- ers’ requests. The soldiers, referred to as “War Resist- ers” by their supporters, are awaiting review from the country’s federal courts to determine their fate.

American War Resisters in Canada not only weaken the occupation forces in Iraq and Afghanistan by refusing to fight, but also provide a strong and neces- sary voice to the anti-war movement. Youth and stu- dents, and poor and work- ing people in Canada must demand full refugee status for War Resisters!

Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO), a Vancouver anti-war coalition, has been active in defending U.S. War Resisters for years now. Please visit www.mawovancouver.org to sign the petition. MAWO also supports the War Resister Support Cam- paign in Canada. To get involved please visit http:// www.resisters.ca/

We DEMAND REFUGEE STATUS FOR U.S. WAR RESISTERS IN CANADA NOW! SUPPORT AND DEFEND WAR RESISTERS! END THE OCCUPATIONS OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN!

On December 27, 2008, the government of Israel opened a new era of the genocidal Palestinian people in Gaza. The bloodstream and destruction in Gaza conducted by the Israeli army resulted in the killing of hundreds, the injury of thousands and the destruction of thousands of homes, schools, roads and mosques, as well as UN centers where thousands of civilians, including mothers and chil- dren, were sheltered. It has now been established all around the world that decades of the indiscrimi- nate Israeli terror killings of innocent civilians by the Israeli and United States’ ruling elites have caused the Palestinian Holocaust.

Israel has established in Gaza an astonishing and crushing defeat. The simple proof of this is the NONE of the declared goals of Israel’s Olmert- Barak-Livni government have been achieved. The Israeli army reached the Mediterranean shore of Gaza only to destroy everything in its path. While the Israeli Zionist regime was busy slaughtering Pales- tinians for the whole world, Hamas started sending range rockets to Israel and refusing to renew the ceasefire only after the Israeli army killed a family of four Palestinians.

Israel did not have to kill 1,330 people, half of whom are children and their mothers. They did not have to wound more than 5,000, and destroy 5,000 homes, schools, mosques and businesses. They did not have to destroy the living conditions of Palestinians with depleted uranium (DU) and white phosphorus bombs to stop Hamas bases. There are severe shortages of every- thing: bread, sugar, basic foods, medicine. There is truly a human crisis in Gaza. These are all acts of war. The Israeli government never truly abandoned war on the Gaza population; they are just con- tinuing it in different ways and forms. It is a huge responsibility for the anti-war movement in address- ing this issue by educating, organizing and mobilizing all people against this injustice. Our response must not be just reactive to the occupation of Israel, Palestine, but must be an ongoing campaign against the Zionist, apartheid regime of Israel. It must be a consistent pass opposition to everything the occupiers of Gaza do, and not just the point to create a mechanism in which millions of people can participate actively to isolate the racist Israeli government. The Israeli government has advanced itself to an apartheid- hoardist regime, it must be boycotted. The movement to end the occupation and stop any thing that does harm to people of the world. The people of the world have a human obligation to stop Israel’s madness against the innocent Palestinian people. The to- holocaust must be ended. This moral cancer must be cured. Long live Palestine!

SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PALESTINE!
RIGHT OF RETURN FOR PALESTINIANS!
STOP GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE!
LIFT THE BLOCKADE ON GAZA!