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Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroots organizations, and ethnic communities. This is including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all of humanity!

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In Solidarity with:

Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) offers our unconditional solidarity with the heroic resistance of the Palestinian people in all occupied territories from the river to the sea against the ongoing Nakba since 1948. The Israeli racist, antisemitic, and Zionist regime for 75 years of occupation and ethnic cleansing has created a Palestinian holocaust in historic Palestine. As veteran Israeli journalist and author Gideon Levy once said, "A [Israel] regime today which is by far one of the most cruel, brutal tyrannies on Earth..."

Today we remember not only The Nakba, the Palestinian Catastrophe but also celebrate more than one hundred years of Palestinian resistance and their heroic fight against colonial powers and the Israeli Zionist and racist regime. Resistance, resilience and fighting for dignity and self-determination have made Palestinians the holder of the moral and fighting spirit of working and oppressed people worldwide.

Today is a special day of remembering the loss of tens of thousands of Palestinians on the Nakba Day. However, the dynamic struggle of Palestinians for liberation has emerged on this Mother's Day with heroic resistance and victory of Palestinians over Israeli criminal and inhuman bombing and

killings of mothers and children, as well as recent killings of leaders of the resistance movement in Gaza. Today we also remember the murder of martyr Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh on May 11, 2022.

We must remind ourselves of the historical meaning of the Palestinian struggle for liberation. Its continuity and consistency have opened a space for the struggle of all oppressed people against colonialism and imperialism to achieve humanity and peace for all.

The Zionist racist project of colonial Israel is part of the imperialist project for all of West Asia and North Africa. While the Palestinian struggle against Israeli occupation continues, it is a human and moral duty for all peace and justice-loving

people to join them. Palestinian victory is a victory for all of us.

We join the worldwide coalitions and organizations in calling for releasing all Palestinian prisoners, including Ahmad Sa'adat, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), who has been kidnapped and illegally imprisoned for 21 years.

Long Live the Palestinian Struggle for Liberation!
Palestine Will Be Free!

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Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah

Israeli games in region to lead to 'all-out war'

The escalation that took place in Southern Lebanon was a major event taking into consideration the situation since 2006, Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said Friday during a public address he made to mark the occasion of Al-Quds Day.

"Hezbollah adhering to silence as part of the battle against the Israeli occupation is a tool that terrifies the enemy," the Hezbollah chief stressed.

The enemy, he said, which has been threatening Lebanon and bombing Syria, "must remain worried and cowering. This is where the balance of deterrence and the rules of engagement are established."

"The Israelis believed it was an achievement that Hezbollah remained on the sidelines after the shelling from southern Lebanon, and this is something to be taught when it comes to strategic affairs," he underscored.

"The Israeli occupation did not bomb any Hezbollah infrastructure; it only shelled banana plantations," Sayyed Nasrallah underlined. "The Israelis lied to their people, while everyone knows that it did not shell any Hezbollah sites, which is evidence of its weakness."

Touching on the internal Israeli crisis, Sayyed Nasrallah highlighted that the divide in "Israel" would have almost turned into a bloody war if it were not for US intervention and official visits from Western diplomats.

The judicial amendments, he stressed, showed all the underlying divide in Israeli society, and it is a bloodless war aimed at eliminating Netanyahu and his extremist cabinet. "There is a major, dangerous decline in the fighting spirit and sacrifice for the sake of the Israeli occupation."

A message of solidarity

Al-Quds Day sends a message of solidarity and support to the Palestinian people to inform them that they are not alone, Sayyed Nasrallah said.

The victory that will be achieved in the Palestinian arena will be due to the people and the leaders assuming their responsibilities regarding occupied Palestine, Sayyed Nasrallah said.

"When comparing the Axis of Resistance to the Israeli occupation in light of the major developments that took place on the international level, we see that our axis is in a favorable position," he added.

"The Israeli occupation declared being on a high state of alert on all fronts, and it was afraid and worried while the Axis of Resistance was at ease," the Lebanese resistance leader underlined.

US losing international status

The strength of the United States is declining on an international level, and it is no longer as strong as it was years or decades ago, the Hezbollah chief added.

He clarified that the United States had to fall back into Venezuela after it had it politically and economically blockaded, which is an indication that it is faltering. Meanwhile, another indication of its growing weakness was the defeat it suffered in Afghanistan.

"The United States' defeat in Afghanistan shook the entire

region, and its repercussions are still successively coming to light," Sayyed Nasrallah underlined. "Officials from the Gulf said they were convinced that they could not rely on the United States to protect a regime or state."

"NATO's war with Russia and the US confrontation with China about Taiwan is keeping America's hands full and worrying Israel," the resistance chief said.

"When the United States is occupied on numerous fronts and it is no longer concentrated in one area, there will be serious strategic repercussions on the Zionist entity, and the Axis of Resistance will benefit," he added.

Axis of Resistance growing stronger

Furthermore, Sayyed Nasrallah said, "the bilateral relations and the dialogue between the regional comprise security and stability."

All of the bids to undermine the Axis of Resistance over the years have been met with failure, he clarified.

"This international shift that is taking place is greatly beneficial to the Axis of Resistance, as it is emerging strong and effective against the US wars that have been ongoing in the region over the last 10 years," the Hezbollah chief said.

Moreover, on the topic of shifts in the international arena, he highlighted the rapprochement between Syria and the Arab World and the Turkish efforts to restore Ankara's ties with Damascus, saying they were "important changes" and noting that the "Syrian leadership is making normal proposals regarding the restoration of these ties."

He also touched on the situation surrounding Yemen, highlighting that the signs coming out of Yemen and Saudi Arabia spark optimism, "and this satisfies us [...] we have been demanding an end to this war on Yemen since its very first day."

"The Iranian-Saudi agreement had positive repercussions, especially in slowing down the normalization process at the very least," Sayyed Nasrallah said, highlighting that "the normalization [agreements] took place at the direction of the United States, contrary to the claims of some Israeli officials."

"There were talks about a Sunni-Israeli or Arab-Israeli axis to counter Iran, but these aspirations faltered," the Hezbollah chief underlined.

"The Syrian position on the Israeli acts of aggression might change at any point in time, and the demonstrations that happened last week in southern Syria is an indication about Syria's stance changing," Sayyed Nasrallah said.

"When the Syrian army is mobilized on the battlefield that spans hundreds of kilometers, you cannot ask them to open another front," he added.

"The armed groups in Syria might exploit any confrontation with the Israelis in the country on the entire front with the Syrian Arab Army," the Resistance leader highlighted.

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STOP THE GENOCIDE OF PALESTINIANS!

On March 2, 2023, a 15-year-old Palestinian child named Muhammad Nidal Salim was shot in the back and killed by Israeli forces in the Palestinian West Bank town of Azzoun, along with two others who were wounded including a child in critical condition. This brutal killing is the latest in an escalation of Zionist Israeli attacks and raids against the people of Palestine. On January 26 an Israeli assault on the Jenin refugee camp killed 10 Palestinians including two children, and on February 22 an Israeli raid on the Palestinian city of Nablus killed 11 Palestinians, the largest Palestinian death toll in a single Israeli military operation since 2005. Near daily

funded and supported by imperialist governments around the world, led by the United States. From 1948 until today, Israel is a manufactured state on Palestinian land, existing only with U.S. funding and weapons and the diplomatic cover, political support, and aid that they receive from imperialist governments such as Canada. Each year, the United States gives \$3.8 billion in direct military aid to Israeli occupation forces. During the May 2021 assault on Gaza, the U.S. Biden Administration approved a \$735 million weapons sale to Israel. Israel would not be able to exist for even one week if not for the massive diplomatic, financial, and military support of the



killings of Palestinians at the hands of racist Zionist Israeli settlers and Israeli forces have brought the death toll to 72 Palestinians killed in the West Bank in the first two months of 2023, as reported by the New York Times on March 7.

Alongside raids by Israeli military forces, mobs of racist Zionist Israeli settlers have carried out at least 300 attacks on Palestinian villages in the West Bank. These rampages have been described as "pogroms", and have included shootings, violent and deadly beatings, and the vandalizing and burning down of Palestinian homes, stores and cars. These attacks on Palestinians by Zionist settlers have occurred while Israeli forces stand by and allow them to happen. During the February 26 attack on the village of Zaatara, the Israeli army protected racist settlers who shot Samih al-Aqtash, a 37-year-old Palestinian father of five, who later died from his wounds. Al-Aqtash had returned home the previous week after volunteering to help earthquake survivors in Turkey.

Attacks by Zionist Israeli forces and Zionist settlers against Palestinians are not new but have been happening since the occupation of Palestine began in 1948 continuing until today, 75 years later. 2022 was already the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank, with 152 Palestinians killed by Zionist Israeli forces. For 11 days in May 2021, 259 people, including 65 children across Gaza and the West Bank, were killed by Israeli forces. On May 11, 2022, Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was assassinated by an Israeli military sniper while reporting on an Israeli raid in the Jenin refugee camp.

The genocidal policies of Israel are

United States. Israel is a puppet regime of the U.S., manufactured to suppress and control the West of Asia. The state of Israel is not a secure land for Jewish people, but was and is a war machine state to divide and suppress the West of Asia on behalf of imperialist powers.

In the face of merciless attacks and ethnic cleansing, the people of Palestine continue to fight for their right to land and self-determination. Despite 74 years of suffering and hardship, since 1948 they have not given up the struggle for their rights and their land, including their right of return. No amount of violence by the state of Israel has ever been able to change that. Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice fiercely denounces the Zionist Israeli attacks against Palestinians and stands with the people of Palestine in their continued struggle against the brutal Israeli occupation.

Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice stands with the brave people of Palestine in their continued struggle for dignity and self-determination against the racist, Zionist, and colonial state of Israel. We call on all peace-loving, working-class, and oppressed people around the world to stand up and be consistently active in the ongoing fight for the liberation of Palestine! Palestinian liberation from Israeli racist Zionist occupation is liberation for us all.

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Long Live Palestine! Long Live International Solidarity!

*Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice
March 7, 2023*

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Fighting for Peace!**