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Militant Demonstrations World-Wide Condemn US-Zionist State Terror

On Saturday, July 22, dozens of cities and towns across the world held emergency demonstrations demanding an

immediate end to US-backed Israeli Zionism's war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against peace in Lebanon and Palestine, carried out with

British government complicity.

Up to 30,000 people demonstrated in London, while demonstrations were also held in Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield,

Edinburgh and Glasgow. Cities around the world where demonstrations were held included Geneva, Chicago,

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BUILD THE RESISTANCE AGAINST US-ISRAELI STATE TERROR!

ORGANISE TO END BRITISH COMPLICITY IN WAR CRIMES!

NO TO THE ALLIANCE WITH US IMPERIALISM!



— Statement of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), August 5, 2006 —

As the criminal US-Israeli aggression against Lebanon is being stepped up, so too is the fierce opposition of the people in Lebanon, in

Palestine and throughout the world to the aggression, invasion and occupation. The sentiment of the people everywhere is summed up as: We too are the Resistance!

We too take up responsibility to end the crimes of war and fascism and to defend humanity! We stand as one with the resistance

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ON AUGUST 1, TONY BLAIR DELIVERED A MAJOR SPEECH ON FOREIGN POLICY to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. The Prime Minister used the occa-

sion not to call for an end to hostilities in the Middle East but rather to intensify the Anglo-American offensive against what he referred to as the "arc of extremism now stretching across the Middle East", and what he has decided to call "reactionary Islam". Tony Blair made his position very clear, "This is war," he declared, "but of a completely unconventional kind." To win this war, Blair argued, there needs to be an "alliance of moderation", which fights for what the Prime Minister likes to call "global values". In using this term, he is

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Statement from Fourth International Convention: Stand Against Inhumanity of Israeli and US Aggression

Al Awda, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition

In concluding its successful Fourth Annual International Convention, Al-Awda, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, takes this opportunity to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the Israeli aggression being waged against the Palestinian and Lebanese people.

At this moment, while the Israeli war machine unleashes itself upon the civilian infrastructure and national institutions of the Palestinian and Lebanese people, and while the US administration is once again giving a green light to Israel to continue its aggression, it is paramount that we, and all people of conscience, stand against this inhumanity and continue to assert our unequivocal solidarity with the Arab people of Palestine and Lebanon in their resistance against occupation and aggression.

Despite the overwhelming number of myths propagated by the US and Zionist establishments, and repeated by the US corporate media, the assaults being launched against our brothers and sisters in

Lebanon and the Gaza Strip aim to destroy the civilian infrastructure of those areas.

These assaults also aim to break the will of the Palestinian and Lebanese people, such that US imperial and Zionist hegemonic interests can reign supreme throughout the region. This is consistent with US policies in the Arab East, specifically with regards to the US occupation of Iraq, which we likewise continue to condemn in the strongest possible terms, while demanding its immediate cessation.

The events unfolding in Palestine and Lebanon represent an affront to the most elementary principles of human decency – be it with regards to subverting a democratically elected local authority, rejecting the principle of self-determination, while denying the victims of occupation their right to resist their occupiers.

We challenge the people and institutions of conscience throughout the United States to condemn, in principle and in action, the aggression being waged against

the Palestinian and Lebanese people, and to stand in solidarity with the victims of this aggression. In this regard, we call for support and participation in the National Emergency March being held in Washington DC, on 12 August 2006.

Moreover, we call for the launch of educational forums and teach-ins on the Palestinian Refugees Right to Return and the reality of the situation in Palestine and Lebanon including but not limited to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian, Lebanese and Syrian lands, the US occupation of Iraq, the legitimate resistance movements opposing these acts of dispossession and occupation, and the state of the 10,000 Arab prisoners held in Israeli jails.

The precariousness of the situation in Palestine and Lebanon compels us to be vigilant. It is incumbent upon us to engage in an escalating campaign of protest and education which will be critical for building a movement that can challenge and ultimately bring an end to the brutality and injustice



which is unfolding before us. It is long past due that progressive movements and forces in the US unite and raise their voice in condemning the US government, Zionism and Zionist policies in the region, and demanding that our people's rights not be held hostage to the calculations of US mid-term elections or any other secondary consideration. Now is the time for the anti-war movement to raise its voice in answer to the challenge that history has placed before us.

We continue to affirm the inalienable right that all Palestinian refugees have to return to their homes, towns and villages. Our work in Al-Awda will continue to be dedicated to the achievement of this goal.

Defend the People of Palestine and Lebanon!

Stop the US and Israeli War from Iraq to Lebanon to Palestine!

Freedom for all Arab Prisoners!

Protect and Implement the Right of Return of the Palestinian People!

Long Live Resistance to Occupation and Aggression!

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Beirut, Basra, Tel Aviv, Warsaw, Sydney, Stockholm, Paris, Montreal and Mexico City.

There were large contingents of Lebanese and Palestinians, a large proportion of whom were youth, on the march in London, which was characterised by its

great militancy. En route, the demonstrators marched past the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square, vehemently condemning the US administration for its crimes and for giving the green light to Israeli Zionism. The demonstration ended with a rally outside the entrance to Hyde Park.

Demonstrators in Newcastle gathered at the Monument in the centre of the city. The rally, which lasted an hour, expressed the deep anger and concern of the working class and people to the very dangerous situation that has been created by Israel and the big powers which have given a green light to Israel and comes on the back of their invasion and occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq. Speaker after speaker condemned the plans of the Anglo-US coalition to use the crisis to justify intervention in Lebanon and to further threaten Syria and Iran. The call of the demonstration was to step up the protests and a further public meeting has been organised in Newcastle on Thursday.

On Monday, July 24, about 100 activists protested in Jerusalem in

front of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's hotel. According to Bat Shalom, at 7pm, they met at the Foreign Ministry and the Supreme Court junction, at the time of the press conference of Condoleezza Rice and the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tzipi Livni, to protest against the US-backed Israeli aggression. The protesters called for an end to the massive attack against Lebanese and Palestinian civilians and for immediate political negotiations.

They raised the slogans: How Many Victims on the Way to Negotiations; Start Negotiations Now; Women Speak Out: Stop the Killings; Militarism Kills. Three of the activists were arrested.

The protesters are planning to conduct a daily vigil from 6-9pm in front of the residence of the Israeli Prime Minister.

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not referring to the values of the defence of sovereignty, the outlawing of crimes against peace and humanity, which the world's people shed their blood to establish in the defeat of Hitlerite fascism. No. What Tony Blair means by "global values" are the Eurocentric values of neo-liberal globalisation enshrined in the Paris Charter, which the Anglo-America alliance and the other big powers are attempting to impose throughout the world. This "export of democracy" has now become a war "not just against terrorism but about how the world should govern itself in the early 21st century".

The Prime Minister presents a view of the world in which Israeli Zionism is the victim, in which there is a struggle between "reactionary Islam" and "moderate mainstream Islam", in which the invasion of other countries is undertaken by the US in order to "protect its and our future security", and in which the Anglo-American occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan is continued to save those countries

from violence and "religious extremism". In short, he presents a picture of a world that does not exist in reality, in which truth is turned on its head. In Tony Blair's world there is no history and legacy of colonialism, no history of the peoples and resources of the Middle East being bartered and exchanged by Britain and the other big powers according to their own selfish interests. In this world there is no arbitrary removal of uncooperative regimes and imposing of reactionary ones, nor secret provision of military technology to the Israeli Zionists. For Blair there is no state terrorism of Israel, the Anglo-American alliance and the other big powers, only the threat of "reactionary Islam" and "global Islamist terrorism" that apparently feels threatened by the spread of "global values". Thus does Tony Blair attempt to justify the further intensification of the Anglo-US agenda of the so-called "war against terror".

Of course, even Blair is forced to admit the reality of the Palestinian cause. But even here he presents the issue not as one concerning the rights of the Palestinian people, which have been trampled on by British governments for nearly 200 years, but rather that the problem is Hamas and "reactionary Islam" which has not only "provoked" Israel in Gaza but now in Lebanon too. It might be thought that according to this warped logic, Blair should be remon-



strating with Israel not to be so "provoked", but he does not draw that conclusion. Instead, he goes out of his way to defend the actions of the war-mongering Zionist regime, and presents himself as the champion of democracy and modernization fighting against "reactionary religious extremism".

In his speech, Blair was also forced to admit that few in the world are convinced by his spurious arguments, since most people's thinking is based on their own experience of the real world. "Convincing our own opinion of the nature of the battle is hard enough," was the way he put it, adding that what is also required are means "to empower the moderates to defeat the extremists". For Blair this means increasing interference and intervention in the Middle East to establish the "arc of moderation and reconciliation". It means establishing regimes that accept the Eurocentric values of the Anglo-American alliance and the other big powers. It also means intervening in Palestine in order to establish what he referred to as a "viable Palestinian government", continuing the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan and continuing to threaten Syria and Iran.

For Blair what is required, as he openly admits, is a Middle East and Islam that is "open to globalisa-

tion"; that accepts the values, dictate and hegemony of the Anglo-American alliance; that does not dare to resist nor take hold of its own destiny. Blair's speech highlights the fact that the Anglo-American alliance views the Middle East, or West Asia, as a key battleground that must be secured if it is to be in a position to dominate the whole of Asia in the future, and that views this global struggle as ideological as well as military and economic. Blair's speech highlights the dangerous path pursued in foreign policy by the British government, the fact that as recent events in Lebanon have again shown, the big powers will use any means to crush the resistance to their aims, turn truth on its head, and present any justification in order to advance and defend their interests.



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NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 5 August

ASSEMBLE 12 NOON

Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London, then March to Parliament Square for rally

Join the national demonstration! Coaches coming from around the country. Leaflet for downloading and printing. Distribute as widely as possible. See the Stop the War Coalition Website: <http://www.stopwar.org.uk>. George Bush and Tony Blair insist the carnage must continue. The rest of the world says it must stop. Support this demonstration. Encourage everyone you know to join us.

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struggles against crimes of aggression!

In this regard, our Party calls on the working class and people of Britain to organise to end British complicity in the war crimes against the people of Lebanon and Palestine and to say No to the alliance of Britain with US imperialism in its strategy to impose its dictate throughout the world. We call on the working class and people, as well as building the resistance to defeat the warmongers, to go all out to organise to bring into being an anti-war government, relying on their own forces and their own strength and energies.

Every day, with the stepped up military terror and aggression by Israeli Zionism, dictated by the United States, to commit genocide

against the Lebanese people, the danger of a wider conflict to impose the US empire in the region is increasing. The US is not only utilising Israeli Zionism to terrorise the Palestinian and Lebanese people, but also has its sights set on Syria and Iran. It is doing so in conjunction with its occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan so as to bring into being what is being called a “new Middle East”. As this plan unfolds, the dangers to the sovereign states of Syria and Iran increases. US imperialism sees the possibility of defeat everywhere as the resistance to its imperialist crimes also increases. But the US response, to which Tony Blair is adding his voice with his justifications for the so-called “defence of civilised values” and opposing an “arc of extremism”, is to step up the “war

on terror”, that is, to unleash more state terror and armed violence against the resisting peoples.

Democratic people are expressing their outrage at the policy of Hitlerite collective punishment carried out by Israeli Zionism and its push for *lebensraum*. They are expressing outrage too at Britain’s alliance with US imperialism in sanctioning this aggression and occupation, and supplying the arms, including nuclear arms, both from Britain and through Britain. There is outrage too at the role of sections of the media in acting in effect as the government’s mouthpiece and its historically bankrupt and morally blind “even-handedness” and chauvinism. This too is part of the unfolding agenda of the “war on terror” which is targeting sections of humanity as “evil” in order to dehumanise them and

pave the way for greater atrocities in the name of a “globalised economy”.

The working class and people must further develop their protest movement and their organising work so as to bring into political power their own representatives who will uphold the rule of law internationally, remove all troops from foreign soil, outlaw the use of force to settle conflicts, and vigorously defend the right of all peoples to decide on their own affairs and social systems.

Build the Resistance against US-Israeli Crimes against Humanity!

***Organise to End British Complicity in War Crimes!
No to the Alliance with US Imperialism!***

Organise to Bring into Being an Anti-War Government!