

# Israel Out Of Palestine!

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is waging an all-out war on the people of Palestine. The man who butchered more than 2000 Palestinians in Lebanon - his surrogate militia wore t-shirts with the slogan "Kill them all, let God sort them out" - is now butchering Palestinians on the West Bank. Parents bleed to death while their children watch. Families are buried alive by armor-clad bulldozers. And resistance fighters fill mass graves.

More than 4000 Palestinians have been arrested and many are being sent to the desert prison camps. Israel is the only country in the world that admits to, and defends the use of, torture.

## Made in the U.S.A.

The Zionists say that Palestine was "a land without a people, for a people without a land." This is a lie. A campaign of murder, rape and terror was used to drive Palestinians from their homes. The occupation of Palestine is one of the



great crimes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, made possible by two of the usual suspects – the United States and Britain.

Even today, Israel could not exist without Western support. Washington sends Israel, the number one recipient of U.S. aid, \$4 billion a year. American aircraft, F-16's and helicopter gun ships are destroying West Bank villages and cities.

U.S. policy makers see Israel as a "strategic ally." In practice, this means Israel is used as a stick to beat down the Arab peoples and as an instrument to maintain control of the Middle East. Israel also has done some of the dirty work that the U.S. government hesitates to do openly — for example, providing military assistance to South Africa's white minority government.

## The Peoples of the Middle East Stand Up

The Bush administration is scrambling to maintain the U.S. hold on the region. Since the invasion began, the Palestinian resistance has waged a heroic struggle to beat back the army of occupation. Massive demonstrations have taken place in many Arab countries, in Europe, and in the U.S. Plans for a quick strike against Iraq have exploded in Bush's face.

On one hand, the U.S. is encouraging Israel's military offensive and attempting to demonize the Palestinian resistance. On the other hand, Bush is trying to shore up the puppet governments in the region. Not an easy task, when people all over the Arab world can turn on their TV's and watch Israeli troops fire on children and ambulance drivers. From Egypt to Saudi Arabia, people want their governments to take action in defense of Palestine.

U.S. representatives dispatched to the Middle East say they are attempting to "revive the peace process." In truth, they are working to prolong the Israeli occupation of Palestine. They hope the Palestinian people will surrender, and give up their just claim to all of Palestine. This will not happen. The Palestine people have a right to use any means necessary to end Israeli rule.

## At Home and Abroad

The Bush Administration has cynically used the events of September 11 to escalate its wars around the world — like those in Colombia and the Philippines — and to launch a wave of attacks on people here. Ashcroft attacks civil liberties. Racial profiling is legitimized. And money that is desperately needed to solve problems here is handed over to the Pentagon.

While the rich and powerful who run this country talk about the "defense of freedom," they mean freedom to exploit and oppress others. They keep entire nations in chains. Within the U.S. borders, they hold down the African American and Chicano Nations. They use Israel to perpetrate a system of apartheid-like national oppression on the Palestine people. All oppressed nations have the right to self-determination. The White House, Wall Street and the Pentagon stand in the way.

## Victory to the Palestinian People

In Palestine, even the children are heroes. The courage and determination shown by Palestinians is an example to all of us who are fighting for justice and liberation. And a just cause is sure to win.

## Long Live Palestine!

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