

Palestinian Freedom of Movement Campaign formed

On the 16th June 2010 at a meeting organized by the Workers International Vanguard League, a new united front organization was formed, namely the Palestinian Freedom of Movement Campaign. Participants in the meeting were WIVL, representatives from the Anti-War Coalition, Parkfields Village Anti-Eviction Campaign and youth, youth from Tafelsig and a number of worker activists.

Under current conditions of class struggle, where there is mass hatred for the imperialist banks (the main force that sustains the ongoing siege and genocide against the Palestinians), the millions of workers rose up, not least working class in Turkey after the murder by the Israeli fascists of 19 unarmed activists on the Gaza Aid convoy on the 31st May 2010. That the Israeli troops knew who was on the ship and which cabin each one was staying, reflects the complicity of the Turkish regime (a total lackey of US imperialism) with the Israeli fascists in the murder. The blockade of Gaza highlights the complicity of European imperialism, the Egyptian regime as well as US imperialism in the attempted strangulation and smashing of the 1.5 million Palestinians in Gaza. It was the threat of workers revolution (which is still hanging over the heads of imperialism) in Turkey, Egypt and in the imperialist heartland which forces world imperialism to instruct its lackey, the Israeli fascists to partially lift the siege of Gaza. We all know that if conditions change, imperialism will close the border once again; only limited amounts of building material is being allowed through- only projects, approved by imperialism, will receive building materials- in other words, control over building materials will be used by imperialism to support their puppet, Al Fatah, in a further attempt to make Palestinians surrender their struggle for a free Palestine. It is likely that building materials will only trickle into Gaza while most buildings stand shattered and pose a threat to the children, the aged and infirm. Thus while US imperialism has instructed Israel to partially relax the siege, it is likely that this is mere window dressing to defuse the anger and actions of the working class [to date, Norwegian and Swedish port workers have blocked Israeli goods for 1-2 weeks and the Oakland dockers have symbolically delayed offloading an Israeli ship for one day; the South African transport workers union, SATAWU, has promised to block Israeli goods on an ongoing basis but have yet to carry this out; a number of unions are talking about symbolic actions, reflecting that even the union bureaucrats are forced to make anti-Israel noises, fearing that their pro-imperialist stance may be too starkly shown to the masses]

Currently, Palestinians are kept in concentration camps by imperialism, with the fascist Israeli state and the lackey Arab regimes as their prison guards (these concentration camps are Gaza, in the West Bank, in the refugee camps in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, among others).

Israel was set up in 1948 as a fascist guard over the masses in the Middle East, able to act at a moment's notice to crush workers rebellion anywhere there; Israel was set up as a pact with world imperialism and stalinism to crush workers revolution around the world at the time of the second imperialist world war; East and West Germany were created, for example as a means to divide the working class and to prevent Socialist revolution in Germany; Israel was set up based on the forced expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians. The Berlin wall fell in 1989; the Palestinian Freedom of

Movement Campaign aims centrally to mobilise for the tearing down of the Palestinian 'Berlin Wall' starting from the Rafah Border, extending to the wall in and around West Bank, to all the checkpoints to all the borders of 'Israel' so that the millions of Palestinian refugees can return home. We are reminded that even the capitalist states of Turkey and Syria have, by agreement, no border between them, thus the call for the starting with the tearing down of the Rafah border is an immediate task, achievable by an international campaign, bring together also the Egyptian and Palestinian masses.

We make a call for all worker organizations to take up this call for international worker brigades to proceed to Egypt to mobilise and carry out this historic task. We call for volunteers to assist with the campaign from joining the brigade to assisting with publicity and fundraising. Within the next few days the campaign will be setting up its own facebook and contact details.

Immediate activities:

1. Campaign among worker organizations to support the call for the Palestinian 'Berlin Wall' to fall and for internationalist worker brigades to go to Egypt to start tearing down the Rafah border.
2. Preparing information packs on the concentration camps by imperialism for Palestinians to be taken to communities, workplaces and schools; we call for campaign structures to be set up in every factory and every working class community and every school and university; we call for youth structures of the campaign to be set up there as well;
2. Sat 26 June 2010 (9-14h00) picket outside the Cape Town International Convention Centre against the meeting of the CEO's of imperialist companies that sustain the concentration camps of Palestinians
3. Next meeting of volunteers at Community House, Salt River Wed 30 June 2010 at 17h00
4. Regular monthly screening of relevant films and discussions will take place, starting from Sat 17 July 2010 from 14h00- 16h00, also at Community House (this will also be a movie about conditions of the Palestinians in the concentration camps) ; volunteers will be trained to run study circles in their areas and workplaces.
5. There will be an information leaflet that accompanies fundraising, which will include the sale of Palestinian flags

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