

## India's Growing Bondage with Israel

The Prime Minister Modi visited Israel in the first week of July, 2017. This is a first visit for an Indian Prime Minister. It marked an elevation of India's relation with Israel to the level of 'strategic partnership'.

The Joint Statement released at the end of Modi's visit vowed to do "much more together", take strong measures to combat growing radicalisation and against terrorist organisations, their networks and all those who encourage, support and finance terrorism or provide sanctuary to terrorists and terrorist groups."

Both PMs signed seven Agreements to step up co-operation in key sectors like space, innovation, defence, security, agriculture and water conservation.

Modi said: "Our goal is to rebuild a relationship that reflects our shared priorities and draws an enduring bond between our peoples;" India and Israel are aware of "strategic threats" to regional peace and stability. Hailing the ties between the two countries, Modi said: "today it is 'I to I and I for I'....." I mean India with Israel, India for Israel. The Israeli President Revin has described Modi as one of the greatest leaders in the world. He said: "We have a lot in common and doing a lot in common."

The Indian Govt. had recognised Israel in 1950. From one point of time, it began expanding economic relations. When it came to the question of Palestinian people's struggle for Home Land, the Indian rulers seemed to be supporting the Palestinian people's just cause. However, in the course of time, this position got diluted from one of support to Palestinian people, to a general support to a peaceful and negotiated settlement of the problem. Modi Govt., in its short duration of power, walked several miles in the direction of pleasing the Israeli rulers.

In the last six decades, the Israeli rulers had perpetrated worst kind of violence, terror, genocide and war against the Palestinian people. The entire world knows it and had denounced it. Basing themselves on the brute might of arms and emboldened by an all out support provided by the imperialists in general and US in particular, the Israeli rulers had seized, expanded and forcibly brought vast Palestinian territories under their control and rule. They had forced millions of Palestinian people to flee from their homes to other countries and lead a pathetic life as refugees in other countries as well as in their own home land.

So, the Israeli rulers talking about fight against terrorism is a big fraud and deception. The Israeli rulers call the attempts of Palestinian people to defend their just and legitimate rights from the attacks of Israeli rulers as "terrorist" actions and justify their own brutal, oppressive military actions against the Palestinian people as legitimate, anti-terrorist operations of the State. Where the Indian rulers are heading to by characterising the Israeli rulers as an anti-terrorist force? What are the common targets of attack for the Indian and Israeli rulers in their so called fight against terrorism? What is the attitude of Indian rulers towards the persistent attempts on the part of Israeli rulers to illegally and forcibly enlarge the Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories throwing million and half Palestinian people from their homes in Gaza defying repeated admonitions by the UN and other international fora? How the Indian rulers view the campaign unleashed by the Israeli rulers to judiese Palestinian areas and people; their attempts to impose their control and authority over Muslim's place of worship, Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem; their acts of violence against the worshippers and

the attempts to provoke a religious war between the Palestinian and Israeli people? Have the present Indian rulers paid thought to how the strategic partnership between India and Israel will affect India's relations with other Arab Countries? How it affects the resolution of Palestinian problem?

The Indian rulers are only aggravating the danger for peace and security of our people, country and the region by widely opening the defence, and security affairs to the Israeli rulers. Decades of experience only show that the Israeli rulers had remained as a sword hung over the heads of Arab people. They served as an outpost of imperialism in general and US imperialists in particular to avert or crush the growth of genuine national, democratic and revolutionary forces in Palestine as well as in the Arab World. The Indian rulers being in strategic alliance with the US imperialism, the role of Israeli rulers can play only be one of serving the strategic needs of US hegemonism. So, Indian rulers' strategic partnership with Israeli rulers must be opposed by one and all as it is wrought with dangerous and far – reaching consequences for our country, people and the region.

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