

# Oppose Trump's High Handed Solutions on Palestine

**From** the beginning, the US imperialists are pursuing a double faced policy towards the question of Palestine.

1. They are a main prop for the Israeli Zionists against the Palestine people. It is known to everyone in the world. We cannot separate the politics of US hegemonism from the aggressive policies of Israeli rulers in the Middle East. Israel serves as a US tool and military outpost in the region. All the aggressive wars, genocides, occupations carried on by the Israeli militarists against the Palestine people have the consent, support and encouragement of the US imperialists. This is one face and real face of US imperialism.

2. The US imperialists have donned the mask of 'peace crusaders' and 'mediators' in Palestine and Israel negotiations. This is another face and a deceptive face.

In the decades long struggle for Home Land the Palestinian people had encountered untold miseries, countless human and material losses, instabilities, insecurities, adverse conditions and divisions. All these had placed them in an extremely weak state internally. Many of the rulers in the Countries of Middle East who were hoped to stand by them were found to be lackeys, compradors and dependents of imperialists; some who seemed sympathising with the Palestine people had turned their faces aside as they were not prepared to lock horns with the US and Israeli rulers and invite the troubles; there are some who oppose the US but are not in a position to extend concrete and meaningful support to the Palestine people as they are enmeshed by their own problems. Many adverse developments in the world had weakened the support and solidarity of world people which the Palestine people used to have earlier. These developments had pushed the Palestine people internationally into a weak state. These conditions had seriously affected the Palestine people's struggle as well as the methods of seeking solutions. They began to search for a solution which is practical, honourable and dependable in the given situation. The Palestine people had to enter into the peace talks under the mediation of US. On one side, the US parades itself as the mediator and crusader of peace. On the other side, it is going out of the way to satisfy the Israeli rulers in the dispute. The US President Donald Trump's announcement on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 declaring Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is only a part of it.

The dialogue process is still on between the Palestine and Israel. Jerusalem is an important bone of contention. Israel occupied the Western Jerusalem in 1948 War. Again, during its aggressive war in 1967 it seized the Eastern Jerusalem reducing the Palestinian people there virtually into refugees on their own land. Since then, the Palestinian people had been struggling for a right over Jerusalem, more particularly for east Jerusalem, where an important religious centre of Muslims is situated and the Palestinians reside in big number for generations. By declaring Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, Trump sought to clinch the issue in a crude, unilateral and authoritarian way.

However, this is not a Trump's affair. As back as in 1995, the US Congress had adopted a "Jerusalem Embassy Act" recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Here the US had defied the protest of the entire world. All those who contested for the US President ship – Republicans or Democrats in the last several decades upheld this stand in their election campaigns. The difference now is: While all others had kept aside this stand when cornered by powerful protest and condemnation, Trump now seeks to implement the stand.

The Israeli rulers had readily welcomed Trump's declaration as 'historic' and 'courageous'. It is no surprise. Earlier, they declared Jerusalem as their capital. But the UNSC had declared it as "null and void" in 1980. The Israeli Zionists are past masters in frustrating or violating the agreements and defying the international resolutions when they were felt acceptable for them. They lost no time to welcome Trump's declaration as they found it in their favour.

Most welcomingly, Trump's move has triggered worldwide protest and condemnation. Palestine leaders called the move as a "kiss of death" to the ongoing negotiations. Hamas warned that this move will "open the gates of hell". Mahmoud Abbas, the leader of Palestine Authority, said that the US move would only "forfeit its status as an honest broker and spark unrest". The Palestine people came into the streets in thousands to protest against the US. They clashed with the Israeli armed police. News is pouring in that Israeli rulers are resorting to aerial raids and attacks against the protesting Palestine people at several places. Thousands of people in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Turkey, Yemen and other Arab countries have come on the streets protesting against the US imperialists and in solidarity with the Palestine people. In Asia, the people in Bangla Desh, India, Malaysia and other countries have come out in protest demonstrations. Most likely, these protests would grow in the coming days. Let all the democratic and justice loving people in India be an active part of this just and much needed protest movement and strengthen the cause and just struggle of Palestine people.

True to their subservience to imperialism, the Indian rulers have evaded the condemnation of Trump's move. They sought to hide their real face behind a vague and general statement of wishing the resolution of Palestinian question through negotiations and agreement. This attitude must be condemned by one and all.

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