

# Reject Israel's New Moves

**Encouraged** and emboldened by the backing from the US imperialists, the Israeli rulers are going ahead with one move after the other to impose their arbitrary solutions on the Palestinian people.

The legislation adopted by the Israeli Parliament-knesset-on July 19, 2018 is one such move. This law-National state law-says, "Israel is the historic homeland of Jewish people and they have an exclusive right to national self determination in it." Benjamin Netanyahu, who placed the bill in Parliament, has boasted, "It is our state, Jewish state" and called it a "historic legislation". The legislation "authorizes a community composed of the same faith and nationality to maintain the exclusive character of that community." It declares the "whole and united Jerusalem" as the Israel's capital. It vows to promote and encourage the establishment and consolidation of Jewish settlements in Palestinian territories and treat them as a "national value."

This legislation faced criticism from wide range of political forces. More particularly, a few days before its adoption, the Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, in a letter, took a serious objection to calling Israel as a "Jewish state". He warned, it will open the door to 'Jewish-only' communities in Israel. It could harm Jewish people in the world as well as in Israel. He also said that the legislation could lead "to the establishment of towns that would, for example, exclude Jews of Middle Eastern origin, ultra orthodox Jews or homo-sexuals."

The Arab members of Israeli Parliament called the legislation "racist" and discriminatory.

The sections of Israeli ruling circles, who criticized the legislation, seem to fear that the legislation may further widen the rift between the Jews and the Arab communities, isolate and segregate the Jews inside the Israel as well as the world and kick up the hostility and conflict further between the Jews and world people.

The people of Arab Community (17.5 per cent of Israel population), who are under the rule of Israel, fear that the racial tendencies and discriminations may further intensify because of the new legislation.

Saeb Erekat, secretary general of the Palestine Liberation Organization, called the legislation a "dangerous and racist law" which officially legalizes apartheid and legally defines Israel as an apartheid system."

Thus the legislation will further complicate and make the resolution of Palestine and Israel problem more difficult. The declaration that the "whole and united Jerusalem" as the capital of Israel simply brushes aside the right of Palestinian people and frustrates the possibility of reaching a solution through discussion on the question of Palestine's capital.

So the world people who uphold the just right of Palestine people for their Home Land must oppose and reject the so called Jewish state legislation adopted by the Israeli parliament. They must oppose all the moves of Israeli rulers to reduce the Palestine people virtually into a colonized people within their own Home Land.

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