

PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ARE NOT ALONE IN THEIR STRUGGLE

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Israel have signed an Agreement at US White House on August 13th, 2020. It calls upon the UAE to establish full diplomatic ties with Israel and, in exchange, Israel to suspend its plans to annex parts of the Palestinian territories in the West-Bank.

The deal, doubtlessly, is a product of US conspiracy to under-mine the long drawn struggle of Palestinian people for Homeland and erect new hurdles in the way of peaceful and reasonable resolution of Palestinian question.

It is also a product of US strategic design and attempt to grab, divide and dismantle the support base of Palestinian people in the Arab World; sharpen the aggressive teeth of Israeli Zionists further so as to use Israel as a weapon to impose its domination over it. It also lays the road to spread the tentacles of Israel's plunder widely in the Middle East. Through a decree issued after the signing of deal the UAE Govt. said: "It will be permissible to enter, exchange or possess Israeli goods and products of all kinds in the UAE and trade in them". Netanyahu, Israeli Prime Minister welcomed it and said: "It opens the door for unbridled trade, tourism, investments, exchanges between the Middle East's most advanced economies." He also said that the delegations of both Countries would meet soon to sign bilateral agreements regarding investment, tourism, direct flights, security, telecommunications, technology, energy, healthcare, culture, the environment, the establishment of reciprocal embassies and other areas of mutual benefit." "You will see how the sparks fly on this. It is already happening," and predicted that "today's breakthrough will become tomorrow's norms. It will pave the way for other countries to normalize their ties with Israel."

The UAE and Israel deal says that Israel will "suspend its planned annexations of Palestinian lands." But, Netanyahu hastened to stress that Israel was not abandoning its plan to annex the Jordan valley and Jewish settlements across the (Israeli) occupied (Palestinian) lands in West Bank. He clarified that "he had only agreed to delay not cancel, the annexations". The plans remained "on the table."

Thus the Arab regimes normalizing relations with Israeli rulers are playing a big game of deceit. Quite justifiably, therefore, the Palestinian leadership called the UAE – Israel deal as "betrayal", and a "step to blow up the Arab Peace Initiative and the decisions of the Arab and Islamic summits, and international legitimacy, as an aggression against the Palestinian people, and as neglecting Palestinian rights and sacred things, especially Jerusalem and the independent Palestinian State on the borders of June 4th, 1967." The Palestinian Liberation Organisation questioned the UAE and Bahrain: "If you really wish to 'advance the cause of peace, dignity, & economic opportunity for the Palestinian people' how about ending Israel's ruthless occupation and its theft of our land and resources? Coercing and cajoling Arabs to normalize with Israel will not bring you peace and dignity."

The Palestinian people's struggle is long and tortuous. On one side, the Palestinian people are faced with an annexationist, ferocious and Zionist Israel. It is fully supported and armed by the US imperialists. The US imperialists provide the Israeli rulers protective shield to grab Palestinian territories at the end of each war or armed action. They used even the peace time and peace talks to gain respite, consolidate and legalise their control over the occupied territories and prepare for more ferocious armed actions against the Palestinian people. The Israeli rulers never respected and honoured the peace deals or international resolutions. When the Palestinian leadership was preparing to co-exist with Israel on the basis of the recognition of Palestinian people's right to an independent Palestinian State with its own state capital in East Jerusalem and clearly defined (1967) borders and this solution was gaining wide international acceptance, the US imperialists were doing everything to frustrate it and arbitrarily dictate the so called solutions as wished by the Israeli rulers. On the other side, the rulers of most of the Arab countries went on succumbing one after the other to the pressures,

threats and allurements of US imperialists and thus ending up in abandoning or betraying the Palestinian people. In the course of long polarization of forces in the Arab world, the countries like Iran, Turkey and Syria continue to oppose the machinations of US and Israel and the UAE Israel deal and uphold the cause of Palestinian people.

True. The Palestinian people are in a most difficult situation today. But they are not alone. The working class, oppressed nations and people and all forces opposed to imperialism, national oppression and the policies of annexation, aggression and Zionism in the world including the Middle East are with the just cause and struggle of the Palestinian people. The road is long and tortuous, but the victory of Palestinian people is assured.

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