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Resolution

On Palestine

The 21st Congress of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) expresses its solidarity with the people of Palestine. The Congress condemns the atrocious attacks launched by Israel on the people of Palestine, who are struggling for freedom for their homeland.

In spite of worldwide opposition to the inhuman occupation and subjugation of Palestine, Israel continues its aggressive policy of expansion. The re-election of Netanyahu represents the most aggressive policy against the Palestinian people. Israeli aggression reached new heights with the construction of an unethical and illegal wall, which further restricted Palestinians to only 12 percent of the historic Palestine. Israel has continued to colonise even those areas that were specifically reserved by the United Nations for Palestinians. The objective was to drive the Palestinians away from the region by taking away all their best land and resources, including water. The situation today is that around 70 percent of all Palestinians are refugees as they are pushed out of their houses and land by the Israeli military.

As a result of the expansionist policies of Israel, Gaza has been reduced to a tiny strip of land surrounded by Israel, making it the largest open-air prison in the world. Nothing can pass in or out of Gaza without the permission of the Israeli authorities. Israel completely controls the flow of goods to Palestine and all imports and exports have to pass through Israeli security checks, hampering Palestinian trade severely. Israel's blockade is directly responsible for the sharp reduction in economic activity, and increased unemployment and poverty since September 2000.

It is on such an impoverished and imprisoned people that Israel launched its recent military offensive on Gaza, including United Nations facilities in Gaza, killing thousands of Palestinians. These attacks are backed to the hilt by U. S. imperialism, notwithstanding the statements made by various U. S. officials. It is because of this support that Israel blatantly transgresses human rights, United Nations conventions, treaties, and laws. The Prime Minister of Israel is on record opposing the just demand of statehood for Palestine.

In this background, the decision of the United Nations in 2014 to recognise the State of Palestine, despite the opposition of the U. S., Israel and their lackeys, assumes significance. The decision of Palestine to join the International Criminal Court paves the way for the prosecution of Israel for war crimes.

While many countries in the world are coming out in support of the cause of Palestine, the Modi Government at the Centre, in its keenness to develop strategic ties with Israel, is distancing itself from India's traditional policy of support to the Palestinian people, and even refused to allow any discussion of the Israeli attack on Gaza in Parliament. India, is in, fact the largest purchaser of Israeli arms, and thus indirectly finances Israeli military raids on Palestine.

The 21st Congress of the CPI(M) reiterates its support to the just demand for a Palestinian state with pre-1967 borders and East Jerusalem as the capital. It demands that the Indian Government stand firmly by the cause of Palestine and stop all its defence deals with Israel.

The Congress calls upon the people of our country to demonstrate their support to the struggling people of Palestine by boycotting Israeli goods.
