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APPEAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF OSPAAAL ON THE DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE (May 15)

One of the most dramatic chapters in current world history was begun almost 30 years ago. Under the patronage of colonial and imperialist forces, the new-born Zionist state expelled the Palestinian people from their homeland by force of arms.

Zionist policy has been characterized by terrorism, territorial expansion, repression and sustained armed aggression. Of course it is only with the broad backing of imperialist forces and particularly those of the United States that Israel has been able to fulfill its designs.

World public opinion has repeatedly denounced the various forms adopted by Israeli colonization, which include everything from trying to uproot Palestinian cultural traditions to the extermination of villages to establish Zionist settlements.

The Palestinians have been struggling heroically against colonialism, imperialism and Zionism for several decades. Their revolution was born in 1965.

The nature of Zionist ideology, fed by imperialist, colonialist and racist aspirations, has been exposed throughout its aggressive history. The reactionary phraseology of using a religious cloak as an argument for Zionist expansion, deceives no one.

Ever since May 1948, the Israeli presence has acted as an enclave for United States imperialism in the Middle East.

Apartheid in South Africa and Zionism in Israel are the most reactionary forces in Africa and the Middle East respectively. They are imperialism's aggressive gendarmes in those areas.

Israel aid to fascist and oppressor forces throughout the world is a well-

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known fact which must nevertheless be energetically condemned.

Zionist jails are filled with Palestinian patriots. Recently the press reported on one of the many indignities that occur daily in the zones occupied by Israel, that of a ten-year-old Palestinian girl who was condemned to several months in prison for participating in a protest demonstration.

Violation of the most basic human rights is daily fare in its policy. Among other things, the world recalls with horror the dropping of explosive toys on the refugee camps.

Imperialism, headed by the United States, persists in its policy of strengthening Israel militarily in order to continue the aggression against the Palestinian and Arab peoples.

With their political maneuvering and their interventions in the Middle East, the Yankees try to impose partial and unilateral solutions that have no regard for the Palestinian people's national rights, extend their political and economic influence in the Middle East, consolidate Israeli aggression and occupation, divide the Arabs and wipe out the Palestinian resistance.

The Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL calls on its member organizations, revolutionary movements and democratic governments to demand Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and recognition of the Arab Palestinian people's legitimate national rights, including the right to create a national state of their own, since there can be no real peace in the Middle East without a solution to these problems.

On the day of international solidarity with the Palestinian people, we request the fighting and solidary support of world public opinion for the just cause of this fraternal people.

Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL
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