

COMMUNIST LEFT STATEMENT

DEFEND LEBANON AND PALESTINE!

DEFEAT ISRAEL!

MILITARY VICTORY TO HEZBOLLAH!

A Palestinian grouping captures one Israeli soldier. Hezbollah captures two Israeli soldiers so Israel goes on the rampage. The victims of this rampage are the residents of the Palestinian enclave of Gaza as well as the people of Lebanon. Their bloodthirsty and brutal atrocities have been televised for the world to see. The streets of Beirut have been blitzed by bombing attacks. A UN observation post destroyed and the UN observers killed, Beirut airport has been destroyed. The death toll is estimated at about a thousand. One million Lebanese face massive disruption of their lives through either their homes or infrastructure (electricity and water) being destroyed. Israel is threatening more bombing.

Israel is justifying its barbarism by claiming that it is acting in its military defence. So why are Lebanese targets being hit which have no connection with Hezbollah? Why doesn't the Israeli army attack Syria (as America would prefer) or Iran? These states back Hezbollah. Because Israel is playing wedge politics. It hopes that by attacking Lebanon, Christian Lebanese will blame Hezbollah and do their dirty work and start attacking Hezbollah themselves. It hasn't worked. Israel looks forward to a divided Lebanon or alternatively, a war between Lebanon and Syria. The victims of all this are innocent Lebanese civilians.

Of course, Israel is getting away with all this carnage because it has the support of world's number one imperialist bully, the United States of America. The USA is brokering a thoroughly unjust peace totally on Israeli terms. Predictable it is fully backed by Tony Blair, John Howard and Kim Beazley. The Palestinians will be the victims of this "peace". Israel is a bastion of US imperialism in the Middle East. In Australia, the Murdoch press is beating the war drum. They want the imperialists to invade Iran.

Hezbollah is fighting back and so it should. Hezbollah has been dismissed as a "terrorist outfit" In reality it represents the Palestinian people who wish to fight a rampaging settler state committed to driving them into the desert. Their cause is fully justified. Israel has been terrorising its neighbours for the past forty years. Its time it was defeated and this racist imperialist enclave smashed. . Israel will not be stopped by moral appeals or United Nations resolutions. It can only be stopped by force. We are critical of its politics. We urge proletarians to break from its leadership and build communist leadership. But revolutionary communists give military backing to Hezbollah in this current struggle against the Israeli state.. Hezbollah deserve military backing and physical support from workers throughout the world! In Australia this means black bans to be enforced now against all trade to Israel especially that related to their war effort.

FOR WORKERS ACTION TO DEFEND HEZBOLLAH AND THE PALESTINIANS NOW!

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