

Speech by the Revolutionary Party Communists
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What we honor today, as stated in the joint declaration of the Communist and Workers' Parties, is the October Revolution : *" which brought to light the strength of the revolutionary class struggle—the power of the exploited and oppressed—when they took center stage and propelled history toward social emancipation. This Revolution was inseparable from the great revolutionary and theorician of scientific socialism, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin."*

In this address, we wish to emphasize the fundamental question of imperialism. The analysis and understanding of which are vital for waging the revolutionary struggle. As the declaration of the Communist and Workers' Parties commemorating the 155th anniversary of Lenin's birth emphasizes: *"The Leninist work [is] particularly useful at a time when the struggle for supremacy between the United States and China in the world capitalist system is intensifying; [it] opposes the identification of imperialism solely as an aggressive foreign policy or as a few powerful capitalist countries, a view that has been promoted over time by the forces of opportunism."*

We fundamentally share this analysis. Our party has devoted considerable work to characterizing what imperialism is today. This work has been published in a review entitled: *"What is Imperialism Today?"* In which we observe the deepening contradictions within a heterogeneous imperialist system dominated by the conflict between the United States and China for supremacy in the global capitalist system. This accompanied by confrontations ranging from trade disputes to high-intensity wars, while significant trends of massive rearmament are developing. From this analysis, we guide our political work, conduct our internationalist solidarity actions, and participate, or not, in joint initiatives. In this brief statement, we would like to reiterate our position on two issues:

- **the war in Ukraine**
- **the Palestinian people's national liberation struggle**

Regarding the war in Ukraine, from the very beginning, based on our analysis of the imperialist nature of the conflict, we clearly stated that we had no intention of siding with either side, but rather of waging the class struggle against capitalism and imperialism, and first and foremost, against our own. We have not changed our course and we continue to denounce the harmful nature of capitalism as the driving force behind war. We also call Russia what it is: a capitalist state. We are fighting against France's membership in NATO, the

military expression of the Euro-Atlantic alliance. We fight against plans for the rearmament and militarization of society.

Concerning Palestine, we first want to emphasize the need to properly define what is improperly called the Palestinian question, or worse, the Israel-Hamas war. From our perspective, and as we expressed in a lengthy document entitled "*A Brief History of Palestine: Understanding and Supporting the Palestinian People's National Liberation Struggle*," The Revolutionary Party Communists declaration following October 7th characterized the event as a legitimate military action by the Palestinian resistance and recognized the Palestinian people's right to fight against oppression, colonization, and apartheid. Our Party offers its full support to the Palestinian resistance, in whatever form it chooses.

From our perspective, the Palestinian people's struggle is a national liberation struggle that falls within the broader context of anti-imperialist struggles against a colonial situation. We do not consider the events of October 7th as an isolated event, but rather as an episode in a 75-year-long war rooted in the long history of a replacement colonization of Palestine. In this history, the Israeli colonial government, with the active support of Western imperialist powers, has chosen the outright annexation of all of Palestine, dotted with a few ghettos, following the expulsion and massacre of Palestinians.

We must fully appreciate the central role of Palestine today. The Zionist state is the advanced apparatus of the western imperialism in the Middle East, the key to its global domination. The Palestinian's struggle should therefore not be seen merely as the confrontation of a people with their direct enemy, Zionism, but is above all the strategic struggle of a national liberation movement which, in an unequal balance of power, must defeat an enemy armed and supported by the entire western imperialist collective and its regional Arab allies.

Peace in this region will not be possible as long as the Zionist state, which has established apartheid and practices ethnic cleansing, exists in its current form. The only possible future is for the Jewish and Arab populations to live side by side in a single secular state. To move toward this path, we must begin, first and foremost, by demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the opening of humanitarian access, an end to the killing of Palestinians and the abuses from settlers toward Palestinians in the West Bank, as well as the withdrawal of occupation troops, the dismantlement of settlements in the West Bank, the right of return for all refugees, and an independent Palestinian state.

The existence of a colonial state prevents such demands from being fulfilled. Israeli workers cannot be free as long as they stay within Zionism and remain, objectively, on the side of the colonizers. Communists must grasp the reality of Zionism and the central role of Palestine in anti-imperialist struggles. In Palestine, there is only one imperialist bloc, and it is in only one camp: that of the

Zionists, who are its organic extension. Facing them, a people is fighting for its national independence and shaking the foundations of Western imperialist domination in the Middle East. It is therefore not simply a matter of solidarity, but of seeing what this struggle contributes to our own emancipation within imperialist countries. While a broad current of solidarity with the Palestinian people has nonetheless developed in France, this support has remained largely dependent on humanitarian rhetoric. It has a purely moral dimension, as sympathy for a martyred people, and a compassion that embraces the suffering of the Palestinian people but struggles to understand the deep political roots of the Zionist enterprise of conquering Palestine. **True solidarity with the Palestinian people requires abandoning this passive and victimized view to recognize them as a people active in their own history, struggling against Zionism, imperialism and reaction, for their national liberation, a long struggle whose centrality and strategic nature for our own emancipation we must recognize.**