

AD-HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST ISRAELI GENOCIDE IN LEBANON

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

1 pm. ROOM: MEZZ 1  
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ALSO NOTE:

The School of Peace Studies are holding an  
open forum discussion on Friday 25th June,  
in: MEZZ 2, Peace Studies. | pm

The Bradford Labour Movement Campaign for  
Palestinian Solidarity will hold a public  
meeting on the crisis in Lebanon on Thursday,  
1st July, in: Meeting Room 2, Central Library

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Israel is committing genocide in Lebanon. Tens of thousands have been killed or injured; over half a million made homeless. Figures are hard to come by, since Israel has restricted journalists in the areas under its control, but the picture is clear enough - Lebanon will be made 'Palestinian-free', if necessary in the way that Germany was made 'Jew-free', and an Israeli client-state ruled by Major Haded will be set up in Southern Lebanon.

It is claimed that the intention of this attack is to protect Jewish settlements in northern Israel from Palestinian shelling. But it should be noted that, since the Habib ceasefire of last July, these settlements have not come under attack: the ceasefire was broken by Israel, not the Palestinians. In fact, this operation is the realisation of a long standing Israeli plan. As long ago as 1954, Moshe Dayan, then chief-of-staff, told a meeting of senior officials of the Labour government that:

"the only thing that's necessary is to find an officer, even just a major. We should either win his heart or buy him with money, to make him agree to declare himself the saviour of the Maronite community. Then the Israeli army will enter Lebanon, will occupy the necessary territory and will create a Christian regime that will ally itself with Israel. The territory from the Litani southward will be annexed to Israel, and everything will be alright".

Thus 28 years ago, before the existence of the PLO, before the expulsion of the Palestinians to Lebanon, Israel had already conceived the plan which it is now, point for point, putting into effect.

Nor is there any truth in the often repeated claim that Begin's Likud party does not represent the 'real' Israeli. The plan was conceived by Labour and is being carried out by Likud. Dayan served as Defence Minister in the Labour government, and as Foreign Minister in the Likud government. The policy has been totally consistent.

Why, then, is Israel in Lebanon? There are several reasons:

- 1) Israel wants the water of the Litani river in South Lebanon. This is necessary in order to maintain Israel's 'economic miracle', and in particular to supply the Jewish settlements Israel proposes to establish in the Arab areas of north Palestine, as part of its policy of 'Judaization of Galilee', the area in north Israel with the largest Arab community.
- 2) As a sectarian Jewish state in the Arab East, Israel has always supported separatist movements in the Middle East, in order to weaken the Arab cause. In Lebanon, Israel's support for the Maronite Christian separatist army against the Palestinians and the Lebanese National Movement (a support in which it is allied with European fascist movements) led to the bloody civil war which has lasted for seven years and prepared the way for the present Israeli invasion.
- 3) Since their expulsion from Jordan in 'Black September' 1970, Lebanon has provided the main base for those Palestinians evicted from their homeland in 1948. Now, in the wake of the uprising inside Palestine earlier this year, and while Egypt is still neutralized within the Arab world, Israel has decided that this is the time finally to break the back of the Palestinian National Movement, to drive the people from their last refuge, to destroy their leadership and eventually to force those outside Palestine to relinquish their right to return, and those inside to accept the 'autonomy' devised by Begin under the continued military rule of Greater Israel.

Israel has already exceeded its stated aim of creating a 25-mile 'security zone'. It clearly intends to destroy the PLO. But while it may defeat the PLO militarily, it cannot destroy the rightful desire of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland.

Your support is urgently needed to defend the Palestinian and Lebanese victims of Israeli aggression, and to affirm their right to national self-determination.

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