

HANDS OFF OUR PEOPLE IN JORDAN.

Jordan's ruling clique has intensified its terror against the Jordanian and Palestinian people, and in particular against those elements who are struggling to oppose King Hussein's moves of re-annexation of the West Bank to his Kingdom. Jordan's terror climaxed with the arrest of Saleh Ra'fat, an ex-executive of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and a member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who has continued to live in Jordan after his release from Jordanian jails last year. As a result of the immense public pressure exerted by the progressive forces in most of the Arab countries and in particular Syria, Lebanon, Democratic South Yemen, Egypt, Kuwait, Lybia, Algeria and Morocco, he was released in a poor state of physical health due to brutal torture a week after his arrest and is still in hospital receiving treatment.

Saleh Ra'fat's arrest was followed by the the arrest of 32 other patriots, mainly members or sympathisers of the DPFLP, and accused of organising and preparing for operations inside the occupied territories. Recent reports indicate that the health of seven of the prisoners has deteriorated very badly due to the torture they are exposed to at the Jordanian goalers. International campaign & action are immediately required to save the lives of the patriots. Some of the patriots whose lives are in danger are:

Lieutenant Rashid Saleh Wadi - Diab Ahmad Diab - Abdel-Aziz Jamil Dardounh - Mouhamed Said Dhairat - Ahmed al-Zuhairy.

Such immediate international action has proved very effective in the case of Saleh ra'fat and it is hoped that the response would be at such a level to force the Jordanian authorities to release the imprisoned patriots.

The Hashemite ruling clique, better known as the lackey of Western Imperialism, has never failed its masters in executing any anti-patriotic role assigned to it ever since the British created the Emirate of Tans-Jordan. Their present assigned role is to stop the setting up of a Palestinian national authority on every inch the Zionist enemy is forced to withdraw from. Such a Palestinian national authority on Palestinian soil would represent the negation of the Zionist state and a revolutionary base for the Palestinian People from which to pursue its protracted struggle for a Democratic State over the whole of Palestine.

The Hashemite-Zionist-American scheme, also known as the 'United Kingdom Scheme' has come to serve such a purpose: the re-annexation of the West Bank and thus suppressing the national identity of the Palestinian People and paving the way for their liquidation as a revolutionary force in the area. Attempts at liquidating the Palestinians have taken place in the past in Jordan and Lebanon and are continuously being prepared by Israel and Lebanon.

It is quite logical to understand King Hussein's intentions behind the arrests of all the elements actively opposed to his liquidationist solutions that only serve Zionism, Imperialism and Arab reaction in the area.

Help to release the imprisoned patriots by publisising the terror of the Jordan regime against the Jordano-Palestinian people in every possible means: publications, leaflets, letters to the Press, meetings, and any other political activities. Also write condemnation letters to the Jordanian embassy at the following address: 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W.8.

RELEASE ALL OUR PATRIOTS FROM JORDANIAN PRISONS
STOP THE RETURN OF HUSSEIN TO THE WEST BANK
SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO, THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

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