

the important role it plays in the daily struggle of the Palestinian masses in the occupied territories, as a major participant in the United National Leadership of the intifada.» Shatfa concluded his message by urging the Arab countries and Arab nationalist and progressive forces to shoulder their responsibility vis-a-vis the intifada.

The Lebanese National Resistance Front gave the next solidarity message which was delivered by comrade Nadim Abdul Samad. Abdul Samad began his message by stating that «the heroic intifada of the Palestinian people has put the Arab peoples, governments, and nationalist and popular forces to the test...in order to pass this test we must organize our efforts and pool all our resources in support of the intifada, until the realization of its goals of freedom and independence, and the establishment of an independent

Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO.» He then called for the establishment of a united Arab front in support of the intifada, with a tangible program of action, which would be a nucleus for an international solidarity movement with the intifada. He added, «The Arab popular forces, when organized can force the Arab governments to lend the needed support to the intifada, and to consider it as a priority and a strategic issue.»

Abdul Samad indicated that «sympathy with the intifada alone will not deter Israeli barbaric atrocities...We believe that the continuation and escalation of our resistance against Israel in Southern Lebanon is the best way in which we can express our solidarity with the intifada.»

Concerning the Lebanese situation Abdul Samad pointed out that «the major stumbling block before resolving the issue of General Aoun's insubordination and unifying Lebanon has been and still is the stand of Western governments including the US administration, and Israel which is directly responsible for Aoun's existence and hence the continuation of the present state of affairs in Lebanon.»

Abdul Samad concluded his message by saluting the PFLP and the intifada.

The last solidarity message was delivered by Comrade Jesus Barero. Barero commenced his message by saluting the PFLP on the occasion of its 22nd anniversary, and the intifada on its second anniversary, and talked at length about the implications of these two events and their ramifications on the Palestinian arena. He reiterated the «unequivocal stand of the Cuban people in supporting the just struggle of the Palestinian people to achieve their inalienable rights, and particularly the establishment of the independent state.»

Barero added that «despite the escalation of Israeli repression, the Palestinian people have proven that there is no force in this world capable of forcing the Palestinian people to acquiesce or forsake their legitimate rights...the intifada has become a model for resistance, this model has proven the impossibility of defeating the Palestinian people.» ●

