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Condemn the Invasion of Gaza and Massacre of Palestinians by Zionist Israel! Hail the Heroic National Liberation Struggle for Independent Palestine!!

The CC, CPI(Maoist) condemns Israel's military aggression against Gaza that has already led to the death of 1200 Palestinians, mostly women and children. It demands that Israel immediately cease its invasion and end the inhuman economic blockade of Gaza. It hails the heroic Palestinian armed resistance that is being carried forward with supreme sacrifice.

This latest Israeli onslaught is aimed at undermining the recent understanding reached by Hamas and Al-Fatah to form a national government encompassing all the Palestinian territories. Moreover, it wants to take advantage of the fissures in the Arab world that have sharpened in the wake of Shia-Sunni sectarian strife particularly in Syria and Iraq. Being the main prop of US imperialism in West Asia, Israel has the support of the US and European imperialist powers.

Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj shamelessly declared in the parliament that the government will continue to support the Palestinian cause while strengthening its ties with Israel at the same time. This is tantamount to an open support of Israel's aggressive war and a betrayal of the people of Palestine. Indian ruling classes in general, and its Brahmanical Hindu-fascist faction represented by BJP in particular, find close ideological affinity with the expansionist, chauvinist and anti-Muslim policy of its Israeli counterpart. India has developed close ties with Israel, becoming the largest importer of Israeli military equipment. Joint military exercises, training of the Indian army and police, sharing of intelligence and expertise in combating 'Islamic terrorism' and the Maoist-led revolution is being regularly carried out by the two countries. Though the Congress is crying hoarse about NDA government's unwillingness to condemn Israel's actions, it was during Congress rule that regular diplomatic and economic relations were established with Israel.

All the revolutionary and democratic organisations, oppressed nationalities, organisations of Muslims and other religious minorities, freedom and peace-loving people belonging to all political parties and the people of our country must stand in solidarity with Palestinian people and strongly protest against the Indian government's conciliatory policy towards Israeli rulers. Our party calls upon the Maoist forces, anti-imperialist organisations, national liberation organisations and freedom and peace-loving people of all countries to unitedly oppose Israel's aggressive war and support the fighting people of Palestine.



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