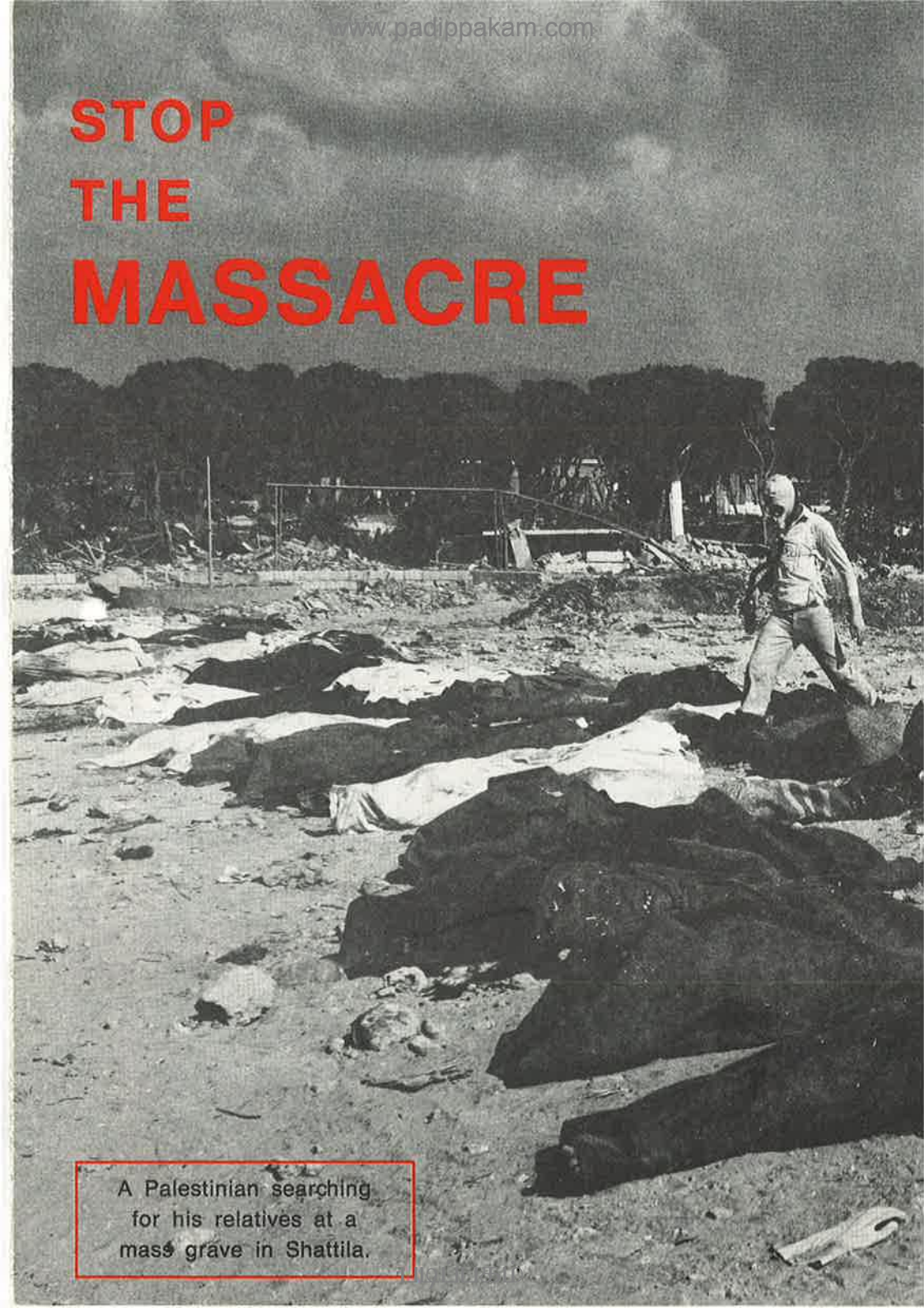


STOP THE MASSACRE



A Palestinian searching
for his relatives at a
mass grave in Shattila.

S T O P THE MASSACRE

The People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam strongly condemns the continuing cold-blooded killings of innocent civilians in Sri Lanka by the racist regime of J.R.Jayawardene.

Following closely on the heels of the massacre of more than 2000 innocent members of the Tamil community in July/August 1983 and the more recent killing of civilian population in the Jaffna district, the latest victims of the regime's brutality is the Tamil-speaking Muslim community.

On the 8-11 June the Tamil-Muslim United Front organised a satyagraha against a government proposal to re-establish links with the state of Israel and the presence of Israeli commandos who are training the Sri Lankan army in the terror tactics they are unleashing on the Arab population. Today it has been confirmed that the army attacks on the satyagrahis were on the advice and backing of these trainers from Mossad.

While the satyagraha was in progress at Kathankudi in the Batticaloa district, a section of the crowd grew restive. The armed forces with the backing of the Israeli terrorists unleashed a completely unwarranted attack on all of the crowd, shooting and killing thirty of the satyagrahis and injuring many others, amid scenes reminiscent of Israeli attacks on the population in the occupied Arab territories.

The attack on the community is two-fold and must be seen in the light of these developments. On the one hand the majority of the Muslim population is by and large extremely poor and lives on the fringes of society. In recent times a new leadership has been emerging in the eastern province which reflected the aspirations of the majority of the community - the workers and peasants, the uneducated and unemployed.

This new leadership has been for some time challenging the class collaborationist actions and attitudes of the entrenched Muslim bourgeois leaders of the ilk of Transport Minister M.H. Mohamed, his sons, Foreign Affairs Minister S. Hameed, and others of similar interests within the community. The attack was therefore meant as a sharp lesson to the deviating members of the community to fall in line.

On the other hand is the face of Sinhala racism. For some time Sinhala racists have been looking on the community with deepening suspicion because of its influence in the business world. Immediately following the massacre of the Tamil community in July/August 1983 members of the Muslim community were served with letters warning that should they interfere in the affairs of the country they would meet the same fate as the Tamils, since Sri Lanka was for the Sinhalese and the Buddhists.

The brutal attack and killing of thirty members of the Muslim community at Kathankudi in the Batticaloa district is therefore a fulfillment of Jayawardene's warning to the community.

The People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam which is in solidarity with the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) and has consistently supported the justice of the Arab cause, strongly condemns the efforts of the US-puppet regime of J.R. Jayawardene in Sri Lanka to re-establish ties with the Zionists who are engaged in committing genocide on the Palestinians in particular and the Arab world in general.

We call on all sections of the oppressed people to recognise the links between racism, US imperialism and the spread of international terrorism via the state of Israel. It is not by chance that the Israelis who are committing genocide on the Arab peoples have linked up with Jayawardene who is committing genocide on the Tamil people. US imperialism needs a base in Asia after its expulsion from Iran and its now shaky position in the Philippines. Jayawardene offers all that US imperialism dreams of and more. Yet in this election year the Reagan administration cannot afford to directly involve itself in another Lebanon-style fiasco. The US is therefore making use of its lackey state - Israel - to help consolidate its position in Sri Lanka for its continued exploitation of the Asian region and policy of world domination.

Our sympathies lie with the Muslim community of Sri Lanka in its hour of sorrow and we extend our militant solidarity to the community.

Finally we call on all progressive sections of the Muslim community to join hands with other sections of the oppressed people and together with the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam overthrow the unjust racist regime in Sri Lanka and help liberate our people.

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