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Introduction

1.

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The events of the last weeks and months have shown how important it is to support the revolutionary forces, the **revolutionary women in Iran** against the reactionary regime in Iran. The regime in Iran, with its fascist dictatorship and murderous terror against every progressive movement, is the role model for other counter-revolutionary forces oriented towards Iran.

In our opinion, it is fundamentally wrong to make a single concession to the counter-revolutionary forces oriented towards Iran. This is a betrayal of solidarity with the **revolutionary forces in Iran** and also a betrayal of the **Kurdish revolutionary forces**, who have been fighting for a long time and are currently fighting with Erdogan's murderous troops and his support for the Iran-oriented forces.

We would also like to point out that even the smallest approach of a revolutionary uprising of parts of the Palestinian population in Gaza against the fascist Hamas dictatorship, every struggle to smash Hamas must be supported by all democratic and revolutionary forces worldwide, by all forces oriented towards communism. The long-suffering Palestinian population is being used by Hamas as a shield and it is becoming increasingly clear that it does not represent the protection

and interest of the population in Gaza, but is also essentially a mercenary force of Iran, which is supported directly or indirectly by various imperialist superpowers.

2.

Our statements have certainly also been written with the situation and discussions here in Germany in mind. However, we also have considered and discussed international statements by various organizations and groups. We consider the voice of a Kurdish revolutionary to be the most important. Zeki Akil wrote in the magazine Yeni Özgür Politika on 14.10.2023:

“Those who founded Hamas and brought it to the top have gambled away sympathy for the Palestinian movement. Now they are also gambling away existing support, because they are no different from IS.“

(Quoted from: anfdeutsch.com, What is the USA up to in Syria?, 15.10.2023)

This is in stark contrast to the statements of various other organizations, which, similar to those in Germany, support the fascist Hamas, play it down or even regard it as representing the interests of the Palestinian population. (See appendix below)

The so-called worldwide „pro-Palestinian demonstrations“ are pro-Hamas support, which is still being disguised here and there. A clear characteristic of this is that claims to destroy Hamas or against the fascist Hamas dictatorship are not tolerated.

3.

An old anti-Jewish hatred comes to the fore in the positions expressed on the state of Israel.

In contrast to the situation in the Gaza Strip, where there are currently no major visible protests against the fascist Hamas dictatorship, a large mass movement is underway in Israel, involving millions of people and directed against the particularly reactionary elements in the Israeli government. To overlook this is a clear sign of a basic anti-Jewish attitude.

Nazi ideology was spread to all parts of the world and is still effective today. It is astonishing how the content and methods of Nazi-fascist German propaganda are once again being used to repeat the Nazi-fascist claim that „the Jews are to blame for everything“.

We emphasize that the fight against hostility towards Jews is an indispensable task in each country under its own specific conditions, taking into account the influence of Nazi-fascism in the history of each country.

We put our positions up for discussion and are expressly interested in argumentative criticism.

The editorial team, May 2024

Appendix

Internationally, numerous organizations calling themselves „revolutionary“ or even „communist“ have openly welcomed the Hamas assault and massacre as a „qualitative turning point in the Palestinian national struggle“¹, as a „success of the Palestinian armed resistance“², as an expression of „the Palestinians' tireless striving for freedom and dignity“³, as an „unprecedented attack, the inevitable result of the Israeli occupation and the aspirations of the Palestinian liberation movement“⁴, as a „self-sacrificing mass action by Palestinian patriots“.⁵ „The Palestinian people“ have „empowered themselves and started the Al-Aqsa flood in the occupied territories“.⁶

¹ “October 12, 2023 Statement” by the “Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine” (PFLP), which is known to have been involved in this massacre itself

² “Patriotic Democratic Socialist Party” (Tunisia) Foreign Office from 7.10.23

³ “National Democratic Front of the Philippines”: “Solidarity with the armed resistance of the Palestinian people against Zionist and imperialist occupation and genocide” from 10.10.23

⁴ “Communist Party of India (Maoist)” from 18.10.23

⁵ “MLKP Central Committee” from Turkey: “We stand with the Palestinian people and the October 7 Movement” from 11.10.23

⁶ TKP-ML from Turkey dated 7.10.23

Some organizations simply conceal Hamas and its leading role and only speak in veiled terms of the „honourable and just struggle of the Palestinian people“⁷. Or claim: „Despite the reservations that may exist about the real nature of the Hamas leadership“⁸ the main issue is the democratic side of the Palestinian liberation struggle.

⁷ See, for example, the declaration “Palestine, Rojava and all oppressed peoples will win!” by the HBDH Executive Committee of Turkey on 20.10.23, which was signed by the TKIB and MLCP, among others

⁸ KKE (M-L) from Greece dated 7.10.23

Worldwide advance of the regime in Iran and of the Hamas Hamas-oriented international counter-revolutionary movement

Hamas' anti-Jewish massacre in Israel on 7 October 2023 has absolutely nothing to do with an emancipatory liberation struggle and cannot be justified and legitimized by progressive, let alone truly communist forces. Hamas and its supporters must be exposed and fought against. However, it would be narrow-minded and naive to reduce the problem to Hamas and its war against Israel. We must understand that reactionary forces like Hamas are an international phenomenon whose aim is precisely to destroy progressive and communist forces. The worldwide campaign to destroy Israel is part of an international counter-revolutionary political phenomenon and has nothing to do with real solidarity with the Palestinian people. This counter-revolutionary military and ideological current also aims precisely at destroying any attempt at revolutionary politics. This can be seen not only in Iran, but also with the IS against the Kurdish liberation struggle. This current is also causing damage in India, Pakistan, Indonesia and many states in Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. Without fighting this international current, no democratic-revolutionary or even communist movement or organization will be able to develop in any of these countries.

The phenomenon of fascist counter-revolutionary forces invoking Islam

In Central and West Asia, but also in some African countries, reactionary, nationalist or religious movements disguising themselves with have been created and nurtured in recent decades. These are often more or less closely linked to reactionary regimes dependent on imperialism, such as in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia or Turkey. This has served and continues to serve two main goals:

Firstly. In dependent countries, the imperialist powers are nurturing various reactionary groups and movements in order to increasingly assert their own interests in the struggle for supremacy against imperialist rivals.

This has clearly been the case in the history of Afghanistan over the past 40 years. Later on, this can be clearly seen in Syria, for example, but also increasingly in various African countries such as Libya. Fierce competition is underway there, particularly for raw materials. In the reactionary distribution wars between the various governors of imperialist powers, which are also concerned with their own ambitions of domination, millions and millions of people have lost their lives in massacres, expulsions and hunger in recent decades.

Secondly. It was and is about preventing, undermining or destroying the influence of progressive and revolutionary forces and organizations. In fact, it is a very serious problem that in many regions of the world such reactionary movements, which in many cases have a large mass influence, destroy actual democratic approaches of liberation movements.

In counter-revolutionary demagoguery, organizations such as Hamas, Al-Qaeda, Taliban, IS, etc. with very specific intentions are referred to ambiguously and nebulously as „radical“, „violent“, etc. Terms such as „Revolutionary Guards“ for counter-revolutionary murderous troops in Iran are adopted and used. The characterization is deliberately left open in order to be able to direct the spearhead of propaganda against these reactionary and counter-revolutionary organizations, above all against future possible or, to some extent, actually existing revolutionary organizations. Here too, this is the „left = right“ thought pattern demagogically constructed and used by imperialist reaction.

Some highlights on the historical origins and development

What we are experiencing today is not really a new phenomenon. It has its origins in particular in the worldwide manoeuvre of the counter-revolution for over 100 years to build up forces with their own organizations that invoke Islam and camouflage themselves with Islam,

to finance and organize mercenary troops, and to mobilize feudal-reactionary traditions for their purposes.

■ From the 1920s onwards, the reactionary Muslim Brotherhood played a significant role in the conflicts between the various feudal cliques in the Arab states. Their motto was the fight against „Christian crusaders, Jews, Marxists and infidels“. The Muslim Brotherhood was used in these conflicts – often alternating with feudal reactionaries pretending to be modern – sometimes here, sometimes there, to mobilize sections of the population by invoking Islam and then to massacre and largely destroy the communist forces, as happened above all after 1945 in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, etc.

■ In the course of the huge mass struggles for the overthrow of the fascist torture regime of the „Shah of Persia“ in 1979, reactionary forces invoking Islam under the leadership of Khomeini appeared on the scene in Iran in order to first suppress the revolutionary forces in the interests of imperialism and then establish a bloody dictatorship. With a superstructure based on Islam and murderous „Revolutionary Guards“, they established a counter-revolutionary regime. Since then, this regime has supported the Nazi movement worldwide (e.g. with international Shoah denial conferences). Reactionary forces invoking Islam (Muslim Brotherhood, Houthi, Hezbollah, Hamas, etc.) are coordinated, financed and militarily trained.

Israel-related hostility towards Jews was and is a fundamental ideological orientation of the regime in Iran. As early as 1979, Khomeini launched the annual „Al-Quds Day“ in order to mobilize enemies of the Jews worldwide under the flag of Israel's annihilation. It is clear that the regime in Iran cannot act without the support of the imperialist big powers, despite all its independent interests. Today, Iran openly relies on Russian imperialism and China, without having given up its excellent economic relations to German imperialism and other European states.

■ Another internationally significant stage was the occupation and war in Afghanistan. The US imperialists in particular, but also the German and other imperialists, had supported various reactionary forces there for years against the social-imperialist competitor, the Soviet Union, which directly occupied Afghanistan militarily from 1979 to

1989 in order to maintain this sphere of influence against the US imperialists and other imperialist big powers. The Taliban and other reactionary forces were financed with billions and billions and equipped with state-of-the-art weapons.

It is significant that even then the truly progressive forces in Afghanistan, especially those oriented towards scientific communism, were not only persecuted and murdered by the social-imperialist rulers, but also by the reactionary forces in the service of the Western imperialists.

In view of global political developments since 1989, the Taliban, who then took up the cause of „fighting the US“, have succeeded in creating a certain scope for manouvering in the international arena. This also shows how wrong the idea is that forces created or dependent on imperialism cannot come into conflict with their patrons and masterminds. However, Taliban remained and still remains highly dependent on the support of reactionary forces in Pakistan in particular – and remains part of the imperialist world system either way. This applies to all those reactionary forces how „anti-imperialist“ they claim to be.

Ideology: hostility towards Jews, anti-communism and misogyny

The **ideology** of these global counter-revolutionary mercenary forces is of course not always completely uniform. Since the 1990s, Iran, which is based on Shia Islam, and Taliban, who base themselves on Sunni Islam (especially in Afghanistan) have at times been enemies and at other times allies. In the murderous Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988), Iran fought against Iraq who followed Sunni Islam. This war resulted in around 500,000 dead and almost 1 million wounded (German imperialism armed both sides and supplied weapons worth 3 billion Euros each).

A common basis in this mixture of irrationalities is the deep-seated **hatred of Jews and anti-communism** against all democratic-revolutionary forces, which is accompanied by tirades of struggle against the „infidels“ of the whole world. This ideology also includes a deep-seated **misogyny** and flaunted brutality (public executions, beheadings of prisoners, humiliation of captured women with every conceivable

cruelty). The invocation of Islam is an extremely effective method of using religious fanaticism to win over broad sections of the population who see themselves as believers in Islam. It is suggested that the entire Western world, above all „the Jews“, want to destroy Islam and that a state based on Islam is therefore necessary as a „protective power of the oppressed Muslim population“ along the lines of Iran. For „advertising purposes“, so to speak, actions and attacks are carried out that supposedly target imperialism or reaction. In reality, however, one of the main tasks of these organizations is to nip revolutionary movements in the bud wherever possible.

This mentality also includes the **mercenary system**, which has increased significantly worldwide during the last 20 years, even if these mercenary troops are not always absolutely reliable, as the example of the fascist Wagner troops showed. They had been hired by Putin, but then suddenly wanted to bite the hand of the master.

Not just a local, but an international phenomenon

It is not just about Israel and Gaza and the Hamas massacre of October 7, 2023, nor is it just about the terror of the so-called „Islamic State“ (IS) to destroy the Yezidi population in Iraq and to fight the revolutionary Kurdish liberation movement in Syria.

The forces that are aligned with the Muslim Brotherhood, fascist Iran, IS, Hezbollah, Jihad, Taliban etc., the forces that support Hamas today, are also a huge problem for democratic and revolutionary forces in Asia and Africa. They serve the counter-revolution in the Philippines, in Pakistan, in India and not least in Indonesia. The mercenary troops disguising themselves as Islam are destabilizing existing power structures in Africa – be it in Yemen, Tunisia, Sudan or Congo – in the interests of this or that imperialist power and are doing everything they can to stifle the forces fighting against imperialist exploitation and oppression.

A political, financial and logistical basis that should not be underestimated

What is usually not taken into account is that these fascist forces can rely on the support of a whole series of reactionary states that define themselves as „Islamic“ and form the „Organization of Islamic Cooperation“ (OIC) with a total of 57 states. The ideological and political orientation of many of these states largely coincides with the fascist forces that invoke Islam. These clearly include Afghanistan, Iran and Qatar. A state like Pakistan is a logistical base and retreat area for various fascist forces.

OIC member states such as Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, but certainly not only these, contribute massively to the financing of fascist forces. It is also significant that the OIC explicitly declared its support for Turkey's position on the genocide of the Armenian population during World War I in a statement from 2012.

The fascist regime in Iran, which supports Hamas, oppresses the democratic-revolutionary forces, especially the fighting women, and the national minorities and nationalities in its own country on a daily basis. It has imprisoned, tortured and massacred hundreds of thousands of people from the beginning of its existence until today. This alone shows that all those forces that support Hamas – whether they call themselves „communist“, „Maoist“ or „Bolshevik“ – are in fact siding with the global counter-revolution.

Democratic and revolutionary tasks of the communist forces

Here in Germany, German imperialism is our main enemy. We have the long-term task of destroying German imperialism in the proletarian revolution. We have the task of fighting its reactionary policies at home and in all parts of the world.

German imperialism is currently using the anti-Jewish massacre by Hamas on October 7, 2023 to further advance the abolition of democratic rights and intensified deportations at home and to intensify anti-Muslim agitation under demagogic pretexts. It is not the religion of Islam that is the enemy, but Hamas! Externally, German imperialism is pushing ahead with its spheres of influence, especially in the Arab countries.

We must understand and tirelessly educate about the international effectiveness of hostility against the Jewish population.

Wherever possible, the anti-Jewish propaganda of Hamas supporters, their marches and rallies that threaten the Jewish population must be disrupted or prevented, and Jewish institutions and Jewish people must be protected.

One of the indispensable proletarian-internationalist tasks in the struggle against German imperialism is to expose and fight the worldwide advance of the international counter-revolutionary movement oriented towards the regime in Iran and Hamas without any ifs and buts!

Appendix

1. A few examples of comrades who were murdered in the struggle to build the Communist Party of Afghanistan/ML by the reactionary Mujahideen in the service of the Western imperialists

In Afghanistan, during the occupation of the social-imperialist Soviet Union from 1978 onwards, revolutionary communist comrades of the CP of Afghanistan /ML were murdered by henchmen of opposition organizations who invoked Islam. Here are three well-known examples:

Comrade Abdul Hakim (code name Fatah) was a member of the Central Committee. After the uprising in Herat, the Communist Party gave him the task to support the comrades in Herat. He was arrested and was accused of being a member of „Schulae Jawed“ ("Eternal Flame“ party). He was cruelly murdered by one of the reactionary mujahideen in the service of the Western imperialist powers.

Comrade Mohamed Omar was a member of the party's leadership. Comrade Omar played an important role on the front against social imperialism during the war. His bravery made him a role model for the population in the provinces. He was a thorn in the side of the reactionary henchmen in the service of the Western imperialist powers. They saw him as a threat to their existence and shadowed him until one day they found him alone in his apartment. They surrounded him and arrested him, dragged him into the mountains and murdered him there.

Comrade Zaleh Mohamed was a member of the Central Committee. During the fighting in Farah, he set up his own front and continued to lead it during the attacks. He was arrested while sleeping by members of the „Black Swan“ (reactionary forces based on Islam). He was then tortured and murdered together with his comrades.

(Source: Zur Geschichte Afghanistans – ein Land im Würgegriff des Imperialismus – Über die Kriegspolitik des deutschen Imperialismus in Afghanistan, Verlag Olga Benario und Herbert Baum, Offenbach 2002, p. 51f.)

2. Causes for the increased influence of pro-imperialist reactionary movements, often invoking Islam

The enormous growth of such reactionary organizations and movements, many of which have massive influence and a massive number of followers, is also very largely connected with the enormous setbacks and weakness of the international communist movement. In Lenin's draft for the II. Congress of the Communist International in 1920, the guiding principles on the national and colonial question emphasized the tasks of the Communist Parties in countries where feudal-patriarchal conditions are of great importance:

“the need to fight the clergy and other reactionary and medieval elements.“

(Lenin, Original Draft of the Theses on the National and Colonial Question, 1920, Lenin Collected Works, Vol. 31, p. 137, German)

In his report of the Commission on the National and Colonial Question at the II. Congress of the Communist International, Lenin emphasized an important point on which resulted of the discussion in the Commission:

“that we as communists must and will support the bourgeois liberation movements in the colonial countries only if these movements are truly revolutionary, if their representatives do not prevent us from educating and organizing the peasantry and the broad masses of the exploited in a revolutionary spirit.“

(Lenin, Report of the Commission on the National and Colonial Question, 1920, Lenin Collected Works, Vol. 31, p. 228, German)

This struggle was waged with some success, though certainly not without mistakes, for decades under the leadership of the communist parties – against nationalism and religious stultification. Due to the revisionist liquidation of the vast majority of former Communist parties, especially after the revisionist 20th Party Congress of the CPSU in 1956, the revolutionary counterforce against the reactionary, feudal forces in these countries largely collapsed, so that it was only a

question of time and the confluence of various circumstances before these reactionary forces emerged or were able to emerge on such a broad scale.

3. Making use of reactionary forces in the spheres of influence and domination of imperialist rivals – a well-known method of German imperialism and its Nazis

For as long as German imperialism has existed, it has developed great skill in using various methods to penetrate the spheres of influence of its rivals and undermine their positions. For example, the German imperialists have repeatedly and cunningly exploited the moods prevailing in various countries against the dominant imperialists there and – in connection with this – have drawn reactionary, nationalist forces to their side and instrumentalized them for their own ends. This policy was pursued against British and French imperialism. The Nazi-fascist rulers promoted this infiltration with their „fifth columns“ and also directed it against the US in South America, for example. These machinations also played a major role in the preparation and execution of the Nazi war against the then socialist USSR.

In view of the large English colonial empire, the German imperialists made great efforts from the outset to instrumentalize reactionary forces, particularly in various English-controlled countries. In doing so, they tried to exploit the existing colonial and national oppression for their own ends.

■ In India, the Nazis supported S. C. Bose, a leader of the „Congress Party“, who fled to Germany in 1941, where he founded the reactionary organization „Free India“. With massive Nazi support, an Indian unit of the Nazi army was created, the so-called „Tiger Legion“.

■ A central figure for the Nazis in Palestine was the Mufti of Jerusalem, Amin el-Husseini. He was an avowed Hitler supporter and openly collaborated with the Nazis. In Palestine, he sparked an anti-Semitic pro-German movement against England. Between 1936 and 1939 in particular, this movement carried out anti-Jewish pogroms, organized massacres of the Jewish population and supported the dissemination

of anti-Jewish Nazi writings by the SS with the help of brochures and radio broadcasts. Amin el-Husseini was also involved in the recruitment of 20,000 SS men in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In December 1941, he was appointed SS group leader by Himmler. In January 1942, an „Arab Office“ was set up for el-Husseini in Berlin, which disseminated Nazi propaganda via radio in the Middle East. One of his slogans there was: „Kill the Jews wherever you meet them...“. After the Second World War, Husseini, whose extradition as a war criminal was demanded by Yugoslavia, was granted asylum in Egypt.

■ Against French imperialism, Nazi Germany presented itself as leader of the peoples oppressed by French imperialism. In October 1934, for example, a „Conference of Muslim Communities“ was formed in Berlin under the chairmanship of Abdel-Wahab from Morocco. It was announced that Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria could only achieve their „freedom“ through Germany's victory over France.

■ The German imperialists and Nazi-fascists did not limit themselves to collaborators who invoked Islam. They also instrumentalized reactionary or fascist Christian forces (e.g. from Georgia and Armenia) – as long as it served their expansionist goals. In South America, the Nazis fought against the influence of US imperialism with the help of the so-called „Volksdeutsche“. In Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay in particular, there were hundreds of thousands of largely reactionary sections of the population who considered themselves as „Germans“ and whom the Nazis were able to exploit for espionage and also to incite reactionary movements or pro-Nazi coups in these countries. Thousands of those „Germans“ were members of the Nazi Party, the SA and SS or the Nazi „Auslandsorganisation“ (“foreign organization”). In Chile, for example, attempts by Chilean fascists to carry out pro-Nazi coups were thwarted in July 1940 and June 1941. Nazi coup plans were also uncovered and thwarted in Uruguay in May 1940.

These connections were not cut after the defeat of Nazi-fascism in 1945, but with the renewed strengthening of German imperialism, they were continued in a variety of ways. Currently, German diplomacy in front of and behind the scenes, especially in the „Middle

East“, with all the „contacts“ to various groups there, is intended to strengthen the influence of German imperialism, especially against the competition of the US, but also other major imperialist powers. This needs to be uncovered more intensively.

Anti-Jewish massacre by Hamas in Israel on October 7, 2023

The goals of Hamas:

The destruction of the state of Israel

Kill as many Jewish people as possible

The openly sadistic murder of over 1,200 people (most of them civilians, including many children) with over 5,000 injured, some of them seriously, and the taking of over 240 hostages after a military raid by the anti-Jewish Hamas mercenary force on Israeli territory is a further, drastic high point in the struggle to destroy the state of Israel that has existed since 1948. Indeed, it was the largest massacre of the Jewish population since 1945.

The attack and the massacre served as a signal. All over the world, there is a massive outbreak of hatred, hostility, threats and attacks against the Jewish population and Jewish institutions – including in Germany.

To condemn this Hamas crime is the very first and most urgent thing. But not only the rocket fire on Israel and the terror of Hamas continue. The ever-changing anti-Jewish incitement and threats and attacks against the Jewish population worldwide also continue. Both must also be combated here in Germany.

I. Who is Hamas and by whom is Hamas seen as a role model?

It has long been perfectly clear that Hamas is a deeply reactionary, criminal and murderous anti-Jewish organization.

Hamas was founded by the Muslim Brotherhood in Gaza. The latter was already a fervent supporter of Nazi Germany and its plan to annihilate the Jewish population during the 1930s and 1940s. Hamas' Charta from 1988 refers to the anti-Jewish pamphlet „Protocols of the Elders of Zion“, which originated in Tsarism and was distributed worldwide by the Nazi-fascists and deals with an alleged „Jewish

world conspiracy“ against all other people. The programmatic principle of Hamas is the destruction of the state of Israel. Hamas consciously places itself in the tradition of the military invasion of the newly founded state of Israel by five Arab feudal states (Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Transjordan, Lebanon) as well as by reactionary sections of the Arab-Palestinian population. The goal of destroying Israel could not be achieved in 1948. Hamas unreservedly rejects the two-state solution proposed by the UN in 1947 and accepted by Israel. Hamas’ objective has always been the destruction of the state of Israel „from the river to the sea“. In its declaration of principles, Hamas also openly calls for the murder of „the Jews“.

After the Israeli army withdrew from Gaza in 2005, Hamas used the possibility of establishing its own territory in Gaza to systematically prepare for a major attack on Israel, going beyond attacks on civilians in Israel. Since 2005, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets at Israel from Gaza to make it clear that it has not given up its goal of destroying Israel and its Jewish population.

Hamas, which is not only supported by various reactionary Arab states and forces and above all by the fascist regime in Iran, but has also been built up militarily and economically into a paid mercenary force – similar to Hezbollah in Lebanon – has now shown the whole world what they want: The murder of as many Jewish people as possible!

The brutal message in the dissemination of the videos shot by Hamas of the murderous actions on October 7, 2023 in the tradition of IS was:

“This is how you murder Jews, unscrupulously, without inhibitions, sadistically, in public! Copy us: murder, murder, murder like we did!“

And their campaign is „successful“ internationally. There is enthusiastic support from the fascist regime of Iran, from the supporters of Erdogan (AKP Party in Turkey), whose government is currently bombing Kurdish areas again, from Gray Wolves from Turkey and, and, and ... from reactionaries all over the world.

In Germany, the Hamas massacre was celebrated by a whole range of organizations and anti-Jewish incitement of all kinds was unleashed. First and foremost, there are Hamas activists and their supporters, Turkish fascists of various kinds and supporters of the fascist Iranian regime as well as various German Nazi groups. But they also include

organizations that see themselves as „left-wing“ or even „communist“, which have supported and helped organize Hamas-supporting actions in Germany despite this or that little distancing remark. These are indisputable facts.

II. Expose the double cover of Hamas!

Since its foundation, Hamas has been working with a double cover, a double deception, in order to conceal its reactionary-criminal nature and thereby strengthen its influence among the Palestinian population and internationally.

1. Deceitful invocation of Islam

Hamas invokes the Koran and the Islamic religion. It cannot be denied that Hamas has been successful with this deception, in Gaza and internationally. In Gaza, it has been able to build up a broad mass base among the population. This is evidenced by its victory in the 2006 elections, the only elections held to date (over 50 percent voted for Hamas).

And then Hamas presents the next lie: the fight against Hamas is being presented as an alleged „anti-Muslim crusade“. This is intended to inflame the emotions of agitated supporters of Islam and create a highly moral legitimization its murderous actions. This is a very impactful aspect that should not be underestimated.

To those opponents of Hamas who are fighting against hostility towards Jews, but who are making a central mistake we say: How naive or ignorant must a Hamas opponent be who believes this cover and does not direct the spearhead of the fight against Hamas, but against the religion of Islam? This is absolutely wrong. Because this does not expose Hamas' cover, but indirectly and often unintentionally supports it. The enemy is not the religion, not Islam, but Hamas.

2. Fraudulent claim to represent the interests of the Palestinian people

One of the more effective propaganda lies in some respects is the claim that Hamas is concerned with the well-being, even the „liberation“ of the Palestinian population from an alleged „open-air prison Gaza“.

Hamas is presented as an „anti-imperialist“ organization that continues the tradition of armed struggle of all anti-colonial liberation movements in the world. This is a gigantic lie:

Hamas operates militarily according to the principle to use its own population as a shield, as a hostage. As a result, the fight against Hamas repeatedly results in civilian casualties, for which Hamas bears political, moral and military responsibility.

Hamas' political goal is a state like Iran. The fighting women, young people and revolutionaries murdered by Iran are also an indictment of Hamas! Your goal is a state like Iran? You are nothing but evil reactionaries and not liberation fighters!

Since 2006, Hamas in Gaza has been receiving huge sums of money from various sources: from the UN, from the EU, from Germany, but also from Arab countries and so on.

Hamas uses these funds to enrich a small elite with villas, as everyone knows who knows Gaza, and as can be seen very clearly there. The money is also used to spend millions on the construction of military facilities (including a huge tunnel system), to buy weapons and to equip its mercenary troops.

The indeed miserable situation of large parts of the population in Gaza is primarily the result of this corrupt and militaristic Hamas government. Part of the money is spent for social purposes, which serve as advertising and are also integrated into Hamas' military infrastructure (schools, hospitals...).

Since Hamas seized power in Gaza and announced its intention to annihilate Israel in 2007, Israel has sealed off Gaza in order to make the import of weapons from land and sea impossible.

Under the Hamas government, there is a dictatorship acting against the masses of the population. Criticism of Hamas? Freedom to demonstrate, opposition newspapers and leaflets? No chance under Hamas rule. The answer is arrests and torture, such as after the anti-Hamas



protests in spring 2021 or summer 2023, as well as a high number of death penalt.

And despite this deception, Hamas manages to ensure that its disguise as a „liberation movement of the Palestinian people“ has a considerable effect. This is also a very effective factor that should not be underestimated. Because this camouflage is also spread by the small and large Hamas supporters mentioned above, who present themselves as supposedly „pro-Palestinian“.

It is clear that the demonstrations and marches organized by large and small Hamas supporters throughout Germany and worldwide are not „pro-Palestinian“ demonstrations, but actions in support of Hamas, the greatest enemy of the Arab-Palestinian population in Gaza!

Those who have this or that criticism certify that Hamas is part of an alleged „liberation struggle“. Hamas, they argue, may have wrong views, but they their actions are successful.

If the armed forces of Israel really do smash Hamas and its allies in Gaza to a large extent and destroy their military and political structure, the vast majority of the Arab-Palestinian population will in future welcome this struggle as liberation from the Hamas dictatorship.

III. On the ideology „It's actually the fault of ...“ and excuses with the „context“

1. „Both are to blame“: A pretty successful cheap rhetoric

There are politically used everyday wisdoms that are used consciously: A generalized statement saying that it is all terrible and should stop. Both sides should have to get along. Just like you talk to children who are arguing. If both are to blame, then no one is really to blame.

Of course, there is often genuine horror at the murders committed by Hamas, but then it is added: „The Israelis aren't doing any better.“ How can anyone who is aware of Hamas' actions accept this?

It doesn't occur to anyone that an organization that fires missiles at a country, invades it with up to 3,000 mercenaries, tortures, rapes, murders and massacres, really needs to be smashed. This ostensible „pacifism“ ("soldiers are all the same") is unrealistic and seemingly apolitical. In reality, its effect is to equate the murderers with the people defending themselves against murder and annihilation.

2. The seemingly innocent question of „context“

When the media write or talk about the situation in Gaza and Israel, they often pretend to distance themselves from Hamas and immediately follow up with the „but“: „But is it forbidden to ask about the context, about the history, about the connection? Does that make me a Hamas supporter?“ This should not be denied too quickly. Because it is usually followed by lengthy explanations about everything that has been done to „Palestine“ in recent years by Israel, the settlers, the Israeli army and police. „You shouldn't be surprised that groups like Hamas...“ – that's how it sounds. It is not understood what Hamas is and what it does, rather understanding Hamas. An alleged „explanation“ is used to dispose of Hamas' guilt.

What now? Should the context really be excluded because it is misused as an excuse? The answer is a triple no.

Because: Which context is actually selected? Which period is deliberately excluded? And what real connection is there allegedly with the massacre by Hamas mercenaries?

What the Hamas mercenaries did on October 7, 2023 cannot be justified or diminished by any context.

Yes, there is a context, a context also for the high security measures on the Israeli border, which have existed and must exist since 1948, since the founding of Israel, and which were not high enough. We are approaching the core of all the talk about context. The foundation of Israel is seen as the cause of all the problems and not the rejection of the two-state solution by the Arab states that existed in 1948 and representatives of the Arab-Palestinian organizations. The cause is not considered to be the military invasion of the newly founded Israel in 1948 by the armies of five Arab states, which was supported by parts of the Palestinian reactionaries and aimed at destroying Israel, but the founding of Israel. In plain language this means: „The Jews are to blame!“.

That's the whole background to the fuss about the history of the question. That's where the endless debates about the wars of 1956, 1967, 1973, etc. come from. Everything that was done wrong or right by the Israeli governments, back and forth, and may or may not be: blah, blah, blah... In addition, the fact that the intentions of Arab states and reactionary forces of the Arab-Palestinian population to destroy Israel have always played a central role in all wars since 1948 is ignored. In the end, the real problem for these smart alecks and truth twisters is always just one thing: the founding of the state of Israel, which is supposedly the root cause of all evil.

And this is precisely an extreme falsification of history that has been systematic for decades. In essence, there is nothing objectively different behind it than what is referred to as „anti-Semitism“, „hostility towards Jews“ or „anti-Jewish ideology“: The will to destroy Israel and the Jewish population in the world.

IV. Our main enemy, German imperialism

It would be fatal if we did not see, as we have done so far, who our main enemy is, who is always at stake now, but above all in the long term, whose authority must be broken in the majority of the working population, especially in the industrial proletariat. What communist forces are concerned with in the long term is clear, even if it may sound like phrases to some people today: socialist revolution, proletarian internationalism, socialist democracy and suppression of reactionaries, communism – these are the keywords. But now it's about the current situation.

1. Hypocrisy of German imperialism on international level

Well, nobody should really believe what the ruling class tells us in politics. In reality, it is all about achieving maximum profit in the short term, but also in the long term. What brings more? If you don't know, then you bet on all horses.

In plain language: German imperialism has excellent relations with its supposed enemies, with China, via this or that source with Russia and Iran, but also with Qatar, one of the most important donors to Hamas, and the most diverse Arab states. Solidarity with Israel? If it is worthwhile. And if it is not worthwhile? Well, the international activities of German imperialism know no morals and no principles. That should be clear once and for all.

2. Mendacious fairy tale of allegedly only „humanitarian and social aid“ in Gaza

The decades-long support for Hamas by various institutions, including Germany and the EU, was always justified with the argument that it was supposedly for „humanitarian aid“, „social institutions“ and the like. In fact, this has eased the burden on Hamas' state budget in Gaza. This is because, apart from theft and embezzlement, considerably more funds could and can be invested in the expansion of the military system, the purchase of rockets and other weapons, in short, in the aggressive military infrastructure. If Germany supplies medicines,

then Hamas does not have to buy medicines. It's as simple as that. That is why the so-called humanitarian and social support for the Hamas government in Gaza was in fact support for the military aggression and military armament of this criminal organization.

The problem is currently continuing: if fuel is supplied to Hamas so that generators can function, this fuel may be used for military vehicles and military purposes. This is precisely the problem as to why nothing can simply be delivered to the Gaza area unhindered.

3. Ruthless use of the Hamas massacre for the reactionary intensification of domestic policy in Germany

German imperialism is also using the current situation and global propaganda for its own purposes at home.

Politically, stricter deportations and stricter bans against „non-German“ organizations is at the forefront. It is about the further abolition of democratic rights not only against Hamas, which has been legal for decades, but above all against the Kurdish liberation movement and its support.

Persecution of Hamas, usually only a lip service anyway, is a smokescreen for taking action against democratic and revolutionary Kurdish organizations in particular.

The Nazi party AFD has led the way and the other bourgeois parties are following suit: The alleged „solidarity for Israel“ is proclaimed in order to intensify the agitation against all migrant, especially Muslim parts of the population in Germany. This is often linked to the lie of allegedly only „imported anti-Semitism by Muslims“. This is intended to distract from German hostility towards Jews, which is firmly anchored in the „center of society“.

Another aspect is also important. Even if it is not so clearly visible at the moment, the alliance between the German Nazi scene (alongside and partly within the AFD) and Hamas has been in preparation for a long time and also exists. This is only logical, because enmity against the Jewish population unites them.

V. Solidarity with the threatened and attacked Jewish population in Germany

1. Extent of hostility towards Jews in Germany

Anti-Jewish incitement, threats and attacks against Jewish people and institutions have also exploded in Germany since October 7, 2023 and Hamas' call for worldwide anti-Jewish actions against Jewish people and institutions.

In many cities, several thousand Hamas supporters marched, almost unchallenged by the German police, with slogans attacking Israel in an anti-Jewish manner (“Child murderer“) and calling for the destruction of Israel (“From the river to the sea“). Celebrities from the worlds of politics, art, culture and sport, such as Greta Thunberg (Fridays for Future) or various professional footballers, e.g. from Bayern Munich, have sided with Hamas and its supporters, either openly or semi-covertly.

Even according to official figures, it is clear that there have been hundreds of anti-Jewish attacks in Germany since October 7, 2023 – from marking residential buildings with Stars of David to attacking a synagogue in Berlin with Molotov cocktails.

Such an anti-Jewish atmosphere has arisen where Jewish parents are afraid to send their children to school and are afraid of their children publicly identifying themselves as „Jewish“ or „Israeli“ in any way – whether by singing songs or wearing jewelry or clothing. What should be done in the face of this situation?

2. Theoretical clarity and impactful clarification

It is a matter of gaining more clarity – also for each person themselves – about the great significance of anti-Jewish ideology in history and today.

The aim is to understand the inner connection with the „German ideology“, with the German „master race“ supremacy ideology and its German nationalism and racism, and to shed light on it.

The point is to fight against any form of relativization and to clarify that hostility towards Jews has a centuries-long, deeply rooted tradition in Germany and was the ideological basis for the industrially and state-organized genocide of 6 million Jews, from infants to the elderly, carried out during Nazi fascism.

But it is also about understanding the international effectiveness of hostility against the Jewish population and tirelessly educating people about it.

3. Practical solidarity

Wherever possible, the anti-Jewish propaganda of Hamas supporters, their marches and rallies, which threaten the Jewish population in Germany, must be disrupted or prevented. Counter-protests and counter-demonstrations are necessary, just as they were and are carried out against AFD-Nazi events or Nazi marches, in order to prevent Nazi propaganda.

Where possible, all active local groups that are willing to do so should come together to protect Jewish institutions, initially in a symbolic manner, but hopefully later with a strong impact – as happened in Leipzig on 13.10.2023 in front of a Jewish restaurant and in Berlin on 13.10.2023 in front of a synagogue.

**Fight all threats and attacks against the
Jewish population in Germany!**

VI. Further aspects of the fight against hostility towards the Jewish population

1. On the political and ideological roots of Hamas

Even before the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, the German Nazi-fascists had already given massive political and military support to reactionary forces, organizations and personalities in all parts of the world who had influence in the anti-English movements in colonially oppressed countries. This was the case in India, in Ireland, but also in the vast majority of Arab countries, including the British colonial „Mandate of Palestine“.

The deeply anti-Jewish „Muslim Brotherhood“ organization took over the distribution of Nazi literature in many Arab countries, including the Arabic versions of Hitler's „Mein Kampf“ and the anti-Jewish „Protocols of the Elders of Zion“. The „Muslim Brotherhood“ in Egypt was also prepared to help spark an anti-English uprising in Egypt in mid-1942 to support the Nazi advance in Africa as far as the Suez Canal.

A central figure for the Nazis in Palestine was the Mufti of Jerusalem, Amin el-Husseini. He was an avowed Hitler supporter and openly collaborated with the Nazis. He sparked an anti-Semitic pro-German movement against England in Palestine. Between 1936 and 1939 in particular, this movement carried out anti-Jewish pogroms, organized massacres of the Jewish population and supported the dissemination of anti-Jewish Nazi writings by the SS with the help of brochures and radio broadcasts. Amin el-Husseini was involved in the recruitment of 20,000 SS men in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In December 1941, he was appointed SS group leader by Himmler. In January 1942, an „Arab Office“ was set up for Husseini in Berlin, which disseminated Nazi propaganda via radio in the Middle East. One of his slogans there was: „Kill the Jews wherever you meet them...“.

The involvement of the Arab countries as supporters of the Nazi-fascist war and the Nazi ideological and political influence on their populations – that was the goal of the Nazi-fascists. And they succeeded in achieving this to a not inconsiderable extent – even after 1945. After the Second World War, many important Nazi criminals found refuge

not only in South and Central American countries, but also in Arab states. There, they put their experience in the „fight against Judaism“ at the service of the respective state apparatus. One example: the Egyptian regime under Nasser became one of the most important bases for the Nazis in the Middle East after 1945. Nasser himself was an open enemy of the Jews. He propagated the „Protocols of the Elders of Zion“ and denied the Holocaust. The Mufti of Jerusalem also fled to Egypt after 1945 and immediately resumed his pro-Nazi „work“. The Mufti was also appointed head of the „Muslim Brotherhood“ in Palestine.

2. April/May 2018: Tens of thousands try to storm the Israeli border in Gaza

Even before 7.10.2023, there were massive attacks by Hamas on the Israeli border with the aim of violently breaching the border fence, penetrating Israeli territory and carrying out massacres.

From April to May 2018, thousands, even tens of thousands, marched almost daily in Gaza to the border with Israel. This movement was led and initiated by Hamas. Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas in Gaza, had already openly announced the goals of this movement on April 6, 2018: „We will bring down the border and rip their hearts out of their bodies.“ (Jungle World, 24.5.2018)

Palestinian flags with swastika flags were hoisted and kites with swastikas were flown from afar. These kites were equipped with firebombs and explosive devices and sent across the Israeli border, causing massive destruction in some cases. On 14 May 2018, the anniversary of the founding of Israel, Hamas then mobilized over 50,000 people, from whose ranks massive attacks were carried out against the Israeli border with the aim of crossing the border. In order to prevent the storming of the border, the Israeli army shot more than 60 people after clear warnings to Hamas supporters. Of these, 50 were Hamas members, as Hamas itself announced.



A dragon with a swastika is prepared by Hamas supporters to soar – on April 20, 2018, Hitler's birthday

3. Destruction of revolutionary movements by creating reactionary organizations based on Islam, such as Hamas, Hezbollah, IS, etc.

It is by no means new that various reactionary forces, interested in crushing a revolutionary movement in a country, have set up ostensibly revolutionary, but in reality reactionary organizations, which, especially in recent decades, have tried to mobilize and organize broad masses by invoking Islam.

For „publicity purposes“, so to speak, actions and attacks are carried out that supposedly target imperialism or reaction. But in reality, one of the main tasks of these organizations is to nip revolutionary movements in the bud. This is currently evident in the establishment of the so-called „Islamic State“ (IS), which is actively involved in fighting the revolutionary Kurdish liberation movement in Syria and is intended to play a key role in crushing the Kurdish movement.

When such organizations are attacked and smashed by the army of a major imperialist power, it is not a question of smashing a revolutionary organization, but of smashing a counter-revolutionary organiza-

tion that has become a nuisance and is no longer useful by other counter-revolutionary forces. Such organizations also have a mercenary mentality and can take on the most diverse tasks for the most diverse solvent powers in return for pay.

Especially in view of Hamas and Hezbollah, this aspect must not be lost sight of. The best historical example is Iran. Since 1979, Iran has „exemplarily“ demonstrated how a pseudo-revolutionary force based on Islam has set out to crush every revolutionary movement and how revolutionary forces have been eliminated through executions, massacres, imprisonment and torture.

4. Open support for Hamas

It really is a fact: a number of organizations and groups that see themselves as „left-wing“ or „communist“ have directly declared their support for Hamas' anti-Jewish massacre on 7 October 2023.

■ **„DKP“ and „Junge Welt“**: DKP (“German Communist Party“) published its position on October 11, 2023 in the newspaper „Junge Welt“. Without even mentioning Hamas, DKP claims that „Palestinian armed forces from the Gaza Strip“ attacked Israel on October 7, 2023. There were „casualties among the civilian population“. The Hamas attack is described as an „offensive“ and justified with „oppression by Israel“: „This offensive is a direct consequence of decades of aggressive oppression by Israel.“

■ **„Young struggle“**: In the statement of Young struggle Frankfurt, youth organization of MLKP from Turkey, the Hamas attack is celebrated as a struggle for „liberation“. In Hamas jargon, it is claimed that the Palestinians „took their liberation into their own hands after the beginning of the Al-Aqsa flood“.

■ **„migrantifa Rheinmain“**: migrantifa Rheinmain does not mention Hamas at all. Instead, it says that „Palestine“ has „shown that it can liberate itself.“ And then the Hamas attack is celebrated as a „defense of Palestine“: „It is the first time in modern history that Palestine has defended itself to the extent of the latest attacks.“

■ **„Rigaer94 (Berlin)“**: The Rigaer94 housing project, which sees itself as „left-wing“, published a statement on its website on 7.10.2023. (<https://rigaer94.squat.net>) It describes the Hamas attack as an „escape

from the largest prison in the world“. Hamas is not mentioned at all. The participation in Hamas-supporting actions is openly admitted: „but on Sonnenallee, Potsdamer Platz, O-Platz... we showed that we stand with Palestine.“ And it calls for further Hamas-supporting actions to be organized: „Let's join those on Sonnenallee.“ The statement ends with the slogan „From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!“, calling for the destruction of Israel.

5. „Both sides are evil, but Israel is even more evil...“

Although a number of organizations condemn the anti-Jewish Hamas massacre or Hamas itself, they have a „yes, but“ or „context“ position. This position, with the twist that Israel bears the „main responsibility“ after all, is a variant of the „both sides are evil, but Israel is even more evil“ position.

■ **„MLPD“**: In the statement of 8.10.23 it is stated that Hamas, Hezbollah and the Iranian regime are „Islamist-fascist“. But then it says that „first and foremost“ it is about the „right of self-defense of the Palestinian people“. This emphasis is maintained. Above all, it is then stated that „imperialist Israel bears the main responsibility for the aggravation“ (all quoted from rf-news, 8.10.2023).

■ **„Perspektive Kommunismus“**: The statement of October 19, 2023 initially assesses the Hamas attack positively ("offensive of the Palestinian resistance"), and then goes on to condemn the Hamas attack ("massacre...on a significant scale") and Hamas itself ("reactionary Hamas" represents „a murderous ideology“) in complete contradiction. This is followed by a turn to the „contextual explanation“ that „it is the Israeli occupation that created this situation in the first place and dominates it.“

■ **„Kommunistischer Aufbau“**: As early as October 9, 2023, the group welcomed the Hamas attack as „the largest military operation of the Palestinian resistance in recent years“. At the same time, however, Hamas is described as „reactionary“, only to quickly switch to the „context statement“ and portray Israel as much worse than Hamas. Israel is described as an „extremely militarized imperialist state“ that has „systematically expelled, disenfranchised and oppressed the Palestinian people“ since 1948.

■ **„Trotz Alledem“:** In its statement of October 18, 2023, the group declares that October 7 was an „anti-human, terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel“. Hamas is indeed an „Islamist-fascist-anti-Semitic organization“. „At the same time (!)“, however, it is „part of the Palestinian liberation movement“. Then the position „both sides are evil, but Israel is more evil...“ is spread: The „dimension of Israel's state-terrorist actions“ are allegedly „incomparably more extensive“ than what Hamas does.

6. Why the term „Islamist“ is wrong and harmful

Almost all bourgeois politicians and the media have been labeling fascist mercenary groups such as Hamas, IS and Hezbollah as „Islamists“ since before October 7, 2023. This is no coincidence, but has a system and serves reactionary purposes.

The following consideration alone makes this clear: Following this thought process, the Nazi fascists from 1933 to 1945 should be described as „Christianists“. Because they often referred to the Christian religion.

The term „Islamists“ is deliberately used on a daily basis in the media and in the politics of German imperialism to describe Hamas. There are clear reasons for this: It is used to spread hatred and discord among the population, especially among the lowest strata of the population. Sometimes this happens more with German nationalism, sometimes more with German racism or both are combined. Since the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001, „Islamism“ has been created as an enemy. Worldwide, especially in the countries of the major European imperialist powers, in the US and in Russia, this is increasingly being used as a means of inciting the exploited against each other in their „own“ countries, especially with the help of hostility towards Muslims.

The term „Islamist“ already implies hatred of the religion of Islam. This is because it implies that fascist mercenary organizations such as Hamas and their murderous hostility towards Jews are a logical consequence of the religion of Islam.

At the same time, it is hypocritically declared that it is supposedly not against the Muslim population in Germany, but only against the „Islamists“. The choice of words alone exposes the hypocrisy of such maneuvers. The fight against all forms of hostility towards Jews includes exposing and combating this demagogic incitement against Muslims, which is being carried out today disguised under the flag of the alleged „fight against anti-Semitism“.

7. The „civilian population“: a „humanist“ argument that is often right, but sometimes wrong

Who is responsible for the civilian casualties in Gaza?

It is a characteristic of war criminals that they primarily murder the civilian population. This is exactly what Hamas did on 7.10.2023, proving that it is everything but a „liberation organization“. Hamas' war has a clear goal: the destruction of Israel and the murder of as many Jewish people as possible!

Israel's current war is clearly aimed at restoring Israel's security and destroying Hamas. The responsibility for this war with all its consequences lies with no one other than Hamas. We are not naive and we are not on site. It is impossible to comment on every single question as to whether this or that was and is justified or unjustified. In any case, one thing is clear: the war being waged by the Israeli armed forces is not being waged to kill as many Palestinian civilians or even children as possible, but to destroy Hamas. That is the core.

It cannot be denied that not only malicious demagogic and reactionary forces come up with the common wisdom that it is mainly the children who suffer in war. There are also humanistically-minded people who use this argument to ignore political questions of cause and effect and simply say: the whole thing must stop, the war must stop, we don't want war. Such a pacifist approach differs significantly from the malicious game of calling for a ceasefire in order to give Hamas the opportunity to reorient itself, reorganize, rearm itself and carry out new attacks on Israel. But nevertheless, these pacifist views are also wrong and dangerous because they operate with a vacuum that does not exist.

The reality is that Hamas uses its own population as a shield and therefore civilians inevitably die, including obviously children, which is Hamas' responsibility!

The right demand is that Hamas must surrender and give up all its weapons – then the war will end immediately.

8. German ideology in the background: German ideology after 1945 to „explain“ the Nazi era and its massive effectiveness today

It is clear that the genocide of 6 million of Europe's Jewish population by Nazi fascism has a different historical dimension to the Hamas massacre of 7.10.2023. It would be wrong to equate the two. But it is not only the historical dimension that prohibits this, there is also a new situation: the Nazis did not film their atrocities, their mass murders, and brag about them worldwide. IS practiced this a few years ago and Hamas is now doing it in a new dimension.

So this is not about this question, but about what is still in the back of the minds of politicians, media people and large sections of the German population and can and will be activated bit by bit.

It is about the alleged injustice that was done to „the Germans“ before and after 1945. Three points in particular should be mentioned here:

A first lie is the so-called „collective guilt thesis“. This claims that „the Germans“ were allegedly „collectively punished“ after 1945 for what the Nazis did. This lie is intended to prevent the analysis of the complicity of the German population in the Nazi crimes and to establish the huge extent of the Nazis' mass entrenchment. This lie is not always told openly. Instead, it is currently being said that „the Palestinians“ will allegedly be „collectively punished“ by Israel for what Hamas has done through military action after October 7, 2023.

It is an old Nazi lie that was spread after 1945 and is still being spread today: The completely justified and necessary bombing of Nazi Germany's cities by the anti-Hitler coalition during the Second World War is slandered as an alleged war crime. This is not always said so openly. Instead, it is currently said something like this: We „as Germans“ are familiar with unjust bombing, so we are against the bombing of Hamas positions, which also hit civilians.

Another lie that has been spread since 1945 to this day is that the completely justified and necessary resettlement of the Sudeten Germans, the Germans from Czechoslovakia and Poland (as well as from other countries) after 1945, which was regulated by the Potsdam Agreement of August 1945, is slandered as an alleged „expulsion“ in violation of international law. Even this is not always said so openly. Instead, it is currently said something like this: We „as Germans“ are familiar with unjust „expulsion“, especially after 1945, which is why we are on the side of the Arab Palestinians, who, after all, „only“ defended themselves against „the Jews“ in 1948 and were therefore „expelled“ by them.

So there is a threefold parallel that is celebrated in the back of our minds and in some cases already spat out:

- Germans and Palestinians are being unjustly accused of „collective guilt“;
- Germans and Palestinians are being unfairly „bombed“ to surrender;
- Germans and Palestinians are being unjustly expelled from „their territories“.

It is only a matter of time before these entrenched mechanisms are used openly and publicly again. We must fight all of this today and tomorrow.

9. On the situation in Israel

The question will certainly be asked: Why don't you take a detailed position on the situation in Israel? The answer is simple: It doesn't fit at the moment... it's irrelevant! Our position is firm and crystal clear: we know the struggle against the Netanyahu government in Israel, against its anti-democratic, in part anti-Arab figures. We know exactly what kind of reactionary people are among the settlers. We know exactly that the forces that murdered Rabin still exist and continue to operate. And we are clearly on the side of the democratic and revolutionary forces in Israel and all over the world. These forces are currently having a very difficult time in Israel in the fight against Hamas and the reactionary developments in Israel. We cannot help those for whom this is not enough in terms of positioning.

10. On the term „criticism of Israel“

It is astonishing that terms whose absurdity and illogicality should actually be obvious have become established over decades. Such as the term „critical of Israel“ or the term „critical of Islam“. It is clear that this phrase avoids clearly stating who is meant. This vocabulary deliberately leaves open the possibility that it is not about criticism of the Israeli government, Israeli reactionaries or criticism of fascist groups that refer to Islam. Against these groups, the word criticism is far too weak. Such reactionary positions and forces must be combated. It quickly becomes apparent that under the pretext and behind the term „criticism of Israel“ or „criticism of Islam“, hostility towards Jews or the Muslim population is simply hidden

11. Comments on possible further international international development

If the current armed conflict in Gaza turns into a protracted armed conflict, then it will also become clear that both sides can only hold out because they are receiving massive financial and military aid. This is a dangerous development that will turn this military conflict into one of several „proxy wars“ of the imperialist superpowers on earth. The beginnings and more are already visible.

Russia, China, Iran and a number of other countries „use“ Hamas, Hezbollah etc. for their propagandistic, economic, political and military interests, for their own purposes.

The USA and the EU countries, especially Germany, are using „the conflict“, as it is trivialized, for their propagandistic, economic, political and military interests, for their own purposes. Sometimes seemingly „pro-Israel“, then again „pro-Hamas“ or even „pro-PLO“ – whatever seems most convenient at the time. And: all these actors always have rivalries among themselves and pursue their own goals, whereby new coalitions can form.

Five arguments why the struggle for founding and defending Israel was a great victory

In the struggle against the British imperialist colonial power, against the Arab feudal states and their Arab Palestinian supporters, Israel was founded on May 14, 1948, based on the UN partition plan of November 1947. Until today; controversial discussions ask: Was the founding of Israel in Palestine correct? Why was it supported by the international communist movement of that time? Around these and many more questions relating to Israel/Palestine there is an extremely big confusion even among groups that call them-selves communist or anti-fascist.

In today's debates in particular, we believe it is central to first discuss the question of the founding of the state of Israel. If no agreement is reached even on this fundamental question, because it is argued that the founding of Israel was supposedly a colonialist act aimed at the expulsion of the Arab-Palestinian population, then it is clear that further discussion is, if not impossible, but at least much more difficult. Delegitimization of the state of Israel, as advocated to-day above all by Palestinian organizations such as PLO, Hamas, etc., aims directly or indirectly at the destruction of Israel through a renewed war.

However, there is no doubt: Even if there were an agreement that the founding of Israel was correct, this would not resolve additional questions of the history and the current situation of Israel. But then at least the grounds would be laid for a discussion based on solidarity.

The struggle over the question of the founding of Israel is first and foremost a question of democratic struggle, a question in the struggle against hostility to Jews. But it is also about the struggle against anti-communism:

It is about communist positions in the struggle against the anti-Jewish falsification of history.

1. Fight against English colonialism

Yes, this is true: „Historical Zionism“ was based on the erroneous and historically overcome idea that the creation of a Jewish state could be realized as a colonial project by France under Napoleon III (Moses Hess), by the rulers of the Ottoman Empir, by Germany under Kaiser Wilhelm, or by British colonialism (Theodor Herzl and others). This „historical Zionism“ ended at the latest since the war against Nazi fascism: Faced with the industrial and state-organized mass murder of the Jewish population in Europe at the hands of the Nazi fascists, the Jewish organizations, whether they called themselves Zionist or not, fought together with the communist organizations against the Nazis. After May 1945, at the latest, the following happened: Jewish organizations did not fight with, but against British colonialism for the entry of Shoah survivors, for the establishment of an open State of Israel as a refuge for all Jewish survivors. Thousands were still held in so-called „displaced persons“ camps in Europe.

Thus, the creation of Israel on the basis of the U.N. partition plan in no way put into practice the restoration of the ancient historical borders of a pre-existing Jewish state in this region, which some Zionist organizations had sought at the beginning of the 20th century. The UN partition plan, and even the expansion of Israel's national borders by one-third in 1949, was a difficult compromise for most reactionary Zionist forces to swallow. Basically, it was a theoretical and political blow to the false theory that borders could be drawn anywhere in the world based on historical events going back 2,000 years, without taking into account present circumstances and immediate historical background. The establishment of the State of Israel in the territory envisioned and subsequently realized was not based on the historical borders of a Jewish community that existed several thousand years ago.

This was a compromise derived from the realistic political situation in which it was unconditionally recognized that historical arguments alone could not decide the determination of borders, although they were not unimportant and should be taken into account as far as possible. Thus, for the record, the creation of the State of Israel did not coincide with the ideals of reactionary Zionist forces, but was openly

recognized and accepted as politically necessary by communist, socialist and progressive Zionist organizations and forces.

So there was no historical argument? Well, there was an argument of a contemporary historical nature prior to the Nazi crimes. But it was also recognized and accepted that – albeit long ago – the historical roots of Jewish religion and culture originated in this region. This is very different from the colonial establishment of states such as Australia and New Zealand, which in addition had British colonial power as their backing.

Acceptable historical reasons include the following:

- the use of the historical language of this region
- relevance of the festivities and festivals of the historical period of this region.
- historical names of places
- religious and cultural aspects of the history of this region for today's Jewish population.

The creation of the State of Israel was achieved without and against British imperialism. „Historical Zionism“ emerged in Europe as a response to hostility towards Jews with the backing of European colonial states. During the period of Nazi fascism, the Jewish population fought in the partisan struggle and with the armies of the anti-Hitler coalition. However: British imperialism held colonial power in the so-called „Mandate Territory of Palestine“ since the end of the First World War. The British colonialists prevented the Jewish survivors of the Shoah from entering Palestine as much as they could. British colonialism became a bitter enemy, especially after the defeat of Nazi fascism, and used its military and police apparatus against the Jewish fighters for a state, for an independent Israel.

This struggle against British colonialism was an anti-colonial liberation struggle. It was also supported by the progressive sectors of the Palestinian Arab population who wanted to expel British colonialism and fight against the imperialist policy of divide and rule. This struggle ended in victory. In the face of the armed struggle of the Jewish organizations, the British colonial power was forced to withdraw from the area after heavy clashes and withdrew. To sum up:

Argument # 1

The claim that the creation of Israel was a colonialist project is absolutely untenable. Israel was founded in the fight against British imperialism.

2. Just struggle against the aggression of the Arab feudal states and against Arab-Palestinian reactionary forces

In the years leading up to the British withdrawal in 1948, it was already clear that another great struggle lay ahead: The struggle against the Arab feudal states and their reactionary Arab-Palestinian helpers (including the Mufti of Jerusalem, a Nazi collaborator and war criminal). In keeping with the Nazi tradition of hostility to Jews, these forces launched an anti-Semitic agitation against the Palestinian Jewish population and against Jewish survivors of the Shoah who had arrived (against great odds) in the British colonial power's Mandate for Palestine. A coalition of Arab feudal states openly threatened war. Mercenaries from Egypt and other Arab feudal states were brought into the country even before the war began in May 1948. The most reactionary sectors of the Palestinian Arab population were incited to carry out armed attacks and massacres against the Jewish population, and they did so.

Azzam, Secretary General of the Arab League, had already explained this in an interview given to the Egyptian newspaper Akhbar Al-Yom's on October 11, 1947:

“This war will be a war of extermination and a major massacre, which will later be spoken of like the Mongol Wars or the Crusades.”

And the Arab High Committee declared on May 1, 1948:

“A Jewish state has no chance of survival now that the Holy War has been declared. In the end, all Jews will be massacred.”

(Morris, Benny: *A History of the first Arab-Israel War*, New Haven 2008, p. 395)

Even before the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, German Nazi-fascists throughout the world gave considerable political and military

support to reactionary forces, organizations and influential personalities in the anti-British movements in the colonial countries. This was the case in India, Ireland and the vast majority of Arab countries, including British colonial „Mandate Palestine“. The Mufti of Jerusalem later helped Nazi Germany organize Bosnian Muslim SS units.

The integration of the Arab countries into the Nazi-fascist war and the influence of Nazi ideological-political ideas on the peoples of these countries was the aim of the Nazi-fascists. And this they achieved to a large extent beyond 1945. After all, many important Nazi criminals found refuge after World War II not only in the countries of South and Central America, but also in the Arab countries in particular, where they put their experience of the „struggle against the Jews“ at the service of the respective state apparatuses.

When it comes to the sympathies of the reactionary outraged Arab-Palestinian population and a large part of the Arab countries for Nazi fascism, not only the question of participation in the war against the anti-Hitler coalition is decisive, but this basic mentality: If Hitler had prevailed, the Arab-Palestinian population would no longer have any problem with Jewish immigration. Then the Nazis would have already solved the problem. In a nutshell, this is how one can sum up the great sympathy for Nazi Germany, which united all those who fought against Jewish immigration to the British-mandated Palestinian territories in words and in armed action.

After the withdrawal of the British troops and the proclamation of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948 in part of the former „British Mandate Territory of Palestine“, the Arab feudal states (Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Transjordan, Lebanon) invaded the newly created State of Israel on May 15, 1948 with their armies, partly with the participation of vanguard Nazi criminals who had fled to these countries, with the aim of destroying the State of Israel. These occupation forces were supported to varying degrees by Palestinian Arab armed groups fighting against the Jewish armed forces, but also against the Jewish civilian population. For example, Arab reactionaries seized the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem and destroyed synagogues there. Violent clashes took place in which men, women and even unarmed children were killed. The Arab-Palestinian population emigrated en masse.

In this war, the small but fledgling Jewish-Israeli army, made up mostly of conscientious fighters, eventually prevailed. The attackers were repulsed and defeated. To sum up:

Argument # 2

The claim that the Jewish armed forces were the actual aggressors is absurd. Several Arab states attacked the newly founded state of Israel. They and their Arab-Palestinian helpers were defeated by the Israeli army. Their aggression was repulsed.

3. Why was only Israel founded and no state of the Arab-Palestinian population?

In 1945, when it became clear that the British colonialists would withdraw, the newly created UN debated at length how to deal with two populations with their own nationalities, the Palestinian Arabs and the Palestinian Jews.

On the diplomatic level, in 1947, the then socialist Soviet Union succeeded in getting the UN to recognize by a majority of states the principle that there was an Arab nationality and a Jewish nationality in the territory of the Palestine Mandate and that both had the right to form a common bi-national state or each had the right to form its own state. Several UN committees met. After long sessions and discussions with representatives of both nationalities, they prepared a detailed partition plan based on economic and population criteria, in case a bi-national state was not possible in the current heated situation. This showed that the creation of two states was a perfectly feasible plan from the point of view of the UN member states.

The socialist Soviet Union, which played a leading role in the world communist movement and at the same time was the main force in the struggle for victory over Nazi fascism, explained in detail in the speeches of its representatives at the UN that two nations existed on the territory of the former colonial power Great Britain. In particular, it was emphasized that the Jewish nationality, after the genocide of the Jewish population in Europe by Nazi fascism, had the right to establish its own state that would protect the Jewish population. It was also explained that the Palestinian Arab population, which has never had a

state, has the right to establish its own state on part of the territory of the mandate of its former British colonial masters.

The division into two states, as envisaged by the UN, was not discussed. This is because both the Arab states and the representatives of the Arab-Palestinian population rejected outright, without compromise, the creation of a state that would preserve the Jewish population.

Thus Israel was created, the Arab states occupied Israel and were defeated. As a result of the occupation by the reactionary Arab states of the newly created Israel, which politically and morally relied on the UN resolution, through armed struggle against the British colonizers, the following situation arose: The vast majority of the Palestinian Arab population, who had fled the acts of war, now lived in a part of the British Mandate territory of Palestine (Westbank and Gaza Strip), which the UN had recommended for a Palestinian state, but in which no Palestinian state was established. Both territories had been annexed by Egypt and (Trans)-Jordan, aggressors against Israel. The misery of the Palestinian refugee camps began here. Neither the Egyptian nor the Jordanian state, who had worsened the situation of the Arab-Palestinian with the invasion of Israel, fulfilled their humanitarian obligations to support these sectors of the Arab-Palestinian population. On the contrary, these states acted as thieves of land that should have been part of the Palestinian state, leaving the majority of the population in their miserable housing and tent camps.

The idea of the great catastrophe propagated by the Arab-Palestinian reactionaries, the so-called Nakbah, is basically the frustration of the loss of the war and the impossibility of eliminating Israel as a state and expelling or killing the Jewish population! To sum up:

Argument # 3

The reason why large parts of the Arab-Palestinian population fled was above all due to the fact that the coalition of Arab states invaded Israel. It was not Israel's fault, not „the Jews' fault“ that no separate Arab-Palestinian state was established in 1948/1949, but the Arab-Palestinian leadership as well as the states of Egypt and Jordan, which occupied illegally the parts reserved for a Palestinian state and who were and still are responsible for the misery in the refugee camps.

4. Expulsions and flight of the Jewish population from the Arab states

In the Arab States, especially after 1948, there was not only extreme persecution of the expelled Jewish population. There was also a wave of persecutions, imprisonments and executions of members of the Communist Party and its democratic circles in the Arab States.

It is not so well known: some 700,000 Jews were expelled from the Arab states. A large part of them fled to Israel and formed a large part of the population there. They were recognized as Israeli citizens. It is no coincidence that this part of the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict is not mentioned or acknowledged, or is deliberately hidden in order to claim that only the Arab-Palestinian population suffered from these wars and conflicts.

As early as November 1945, Jews in several Arab countries were threatened, attacked and beaten to death. In Syria, synagogues and Jewish stores were attacked. In Egypt, a group recruited from Nasser and Sadat's „Young Egypt“ attacked Cairo's Jewish quarter and synagogue. Many Jews were killed and wounded. In Libya, according to official figures, 130 Jews were killed in a pogrom.

In December 1947, shortly after the UN partition resolution, there was another wave of terror. In Syria, 82 Jews were officially killed in massacres.

After the creation of Israel, the situation of the Jewish population in the Arab countries worsened. In Egypt, the government declared martial law on the night of May 14, 1948, and had 2,000 Jews arrested. In Iraq and Syria, Jews were subjected to arbitrary arrests, interrogations and beatings. Their property was confiscated and compulsory taxes were imposed on them. They lost their jobs and were forced to accept numerous legal restrictions.

In the early 1950s, there were only 25,000 people left in Morocco's Jewish community, which once numbered 265,000. In Algeria, out of 140,000, only 500 remained in the country. In Tunisia, the Jewish community dropped from 105,000 to 2,000 members. In Libya, Egypt and Iraq, where there were some 250,000 Jewish communities, fewer than 1,000 Jews remained.

Between May 1948 and December 1951, some 700,000 immigrants arrived in Israel from these countries. This doubled the Jewish population, about half of which came from Europe (including 100,000 survivors of concentration and extermination camps). To sum up:

Argument #4

There were not only Arab-Palestinian refugees after the 1948/1949 war, who, by the way, were not welcomed by the Arab states like „sisters and brothers“, on the contrary. There was also mass expulsion of the Jewish population from the Arab states, who fled to Israel. Another point why the foundation of Israel was so important: as a place of refuge for all those affected by hostility towards Jews.

5. The attitude of the world communist movement to the founding of the state of Israel and the 1948 Arab-Israeli war

The documents of the Communist Party of Israel and the Communist Parties of the Arab States, such as those of the internationally oriented journal „For Lasting Peace and People's Democracy“, show that the world communist movement openly supported the position of the socialist Soviet Union, rejected and opposed the aggression of the Arab States, but supported and welcomed the creation of Israel. The fact that the Jewish fighters received arms from Czechoslovakia shows that this was not merely verbal support.

In July 1948, KP delegations from Egypt, Syria, Iraq and the National League for the Liberation of Palestine (NLL) met in Beirut. They issued a declaration which was distributed as a leaflet in Mandate Palestine and the Arab states. It strongly condemned the interference of the Arab League States in Palestinian affairs. It condemned the reactionary Palestinian Arab leaders for calling on the Palestinian Arab masses to leave the country. In doing so, the leaflet argued, these reactionaries are playing into the hands of the British and U.S. imperialists and the Jewish forces that are preventing the realization of the two-state solution. The Memorandum called on the Arab population of Palestine to stay where they live and to unite in a common Arab-Jewish struggle: for the liberation of Palestine from imperialism and all the

reactionary forces allied with imperialism. In Iraq large mass rallies and demonstrations were organized under the slogans of the Beirut Conference. Thousands of Iraqi communists were arrested. Four leaders of the Iraqi Communist Party were publicly hanged in Baghdad.

At the unification conference of Arab-Palestinian (NLL) and Jewish-Palestinian (CP of Palestine) communists held in Haifa in October 1948 to form the CP of Israel, its representative (Tafiq Toubi) stated:

“With its war of aggression (against Israel) the Arab reaction has not served the interests of the Arab masses at all. On the contrary, it is serving its masters – US and British imperialism – as a loyal servant. This is diametrically opposed to the true interests of the peoples of the Arab states. However, there is no doubt that Arab reaction also pursues its own class objectives and serves the interests of the ruling class of the Arab states. Faced with the strengthening of the national liberation movements in their countries, faced with the growing struggle of the masses for the improvement of their very difficult living conditions, the ruling class of these Arab countries wants to take advantage of the Palestinian war to establish military regimes in the states it rules. By means of a brutal military regime, the ruling class intends to repress the movement of the Arab peoples for national liberation and for liberation from the yoke of feudal and foreign slavery. It wants to intensify the repression of the working class and repress its growing struggle for better living conditions, to deal a crushing blow to the democratic forces, the trade union leaders and the communists. In this way, Arab reaction hopes to use the Palestinian war to preserve its own tottering regimes.

(Kinus Ha'ichud (Unification Conference of Jewish and Arab Communists within the Communist Party of Israel, Haifa, October 22-23, 1948), Hebrew, published by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel, p. 36/37)

The socialist Soviet Union was also the first state to officially recognize Israel. To sum up:

Argument # 5

It is being concealed – also for anti-communist reasons: The revolutionary and communist forces of the entire world defended the founding of Israel and condemned the invasion of the Arab states.

A thorough further discussion is necessary

The founding of the State of Israel and the defense against Arab aggression in 1948/49 were correct and just, especially from the communist point of view. But this does not mean that „everything is settled“ with it. It must be discussed and studied not only on paper, but in the lively exchange of opinions with the local democratic-revolutionary and communist-oriented forces – at the moment very few – how things developed and what the situation is today.

- In view of the struggle against the sectors of the Arab-Palestinian population that undertook armed actions against the Jewish people, it is necessary to analyze whether, and to what extent, the Jewish-Palestinian paramilitary organizations such as the Lechi and the Irgun made wrong decisions in the military struggle of the 1947-1949 war, which resulted in avoidable civilian casualties, as some „New Israeli Historians“ believe.
- It is necessary to discuss the role of Jewish leaders who supported US imperialism before and shortly after the creation of Israel. The overt orientation of Israeli governments towards Western imperialist powers, especially the US, from the Korean War in 1950 onwards and the state-logistical involvement of Israeli governments in the suppression of democratic struggles in Chile, South Africa and Nicaragua in the 1970s and 1980s should not be overlooked.
- Of course, one can and should speak of the war over the Suez Canal in 1956 (4 years after the coup d'état of the ultra-reactionary Nasser in Egypt in 1952).
- All other Arab-Israeli wars with their causes and consequences since 1967, 1973 and the Lebanon war in the 1980s (the Sabra and Shatila massacre) should be discussed, especially the first and second so-called „Intifada“ and others.
- Today, in the face of the Hamas dictatorship and a reactionary PLO led by a Jew-hater like Abbas, there is no doubt that a debate is needed on the methods of treatment of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli government and army, both in Israel and in the Palestinian Autonomous Territories.

The democratic progressive forces in Israel rightly request such a debate. We are of course in solidarity with them, as well as with all democratic Arab-Palestinian forces who are rightly resisting the Hamas dictatorship in the Gaza and the reactionary police administration of the PLO under Abbas in the West Bank.

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