

Japanischen Volkes unser Bestes tun werden, um die Reihen zu schließen. Wir versprechen euch, daß wir für die Klasseneinheit mit dem Japanischen Volk, Freunden und Genossen kämpfen. Wir versprechen euch, daß wir die Einheit der Klasse mit den Völkern der Welt, Freunden und Genossen anstreben. Wir versprechen euch, daß wir unsere Ziele verfolgen und gleichzeitig die Kämpfe der Völker der ganzen unterstützen, während wir von ihnen unterstützt werden, damit die Japanische Revolution siegen und sich erfüllen kann. Bis jetzt war unser Organisationsschwerpunkt im Kampf für die vereinheitlichte Kraft unsere wesentliche Herangehensweise an die Revolution als Etablisierung eines festen Parteigeistes, Klassenbewußtseins und Liebe zum Volk definiert. Wenn wir es nicht schaffen, organisatorische Einheit zu machen, die unser Vertrauen in die Unbesiegbarkeit als einzige wahre Klasseneinheit beweist, können wir die organisierte Gewalt der Klasse nicht aufbauen, sie nicht härten wie Stahl. Wir sollten so ehrlich sein und uns als noch jung in der Revolution ansehen und gemeinsam reifer werden. Herausragende, fortgeschrittene Menschen sind nicht ohne Fehler. Sie führen in unseren Augen ständig die Schlichtung um Fehler zu beseitigen, die jeder hat, ehrlich, aufrichtig und bescheiden. Dieser Kampf zur Überwindung von Fehlern kann nicht nur den Einzelnen, sondern auch das Volk, Genossen und Freunde verändern und zu besseren Revolutionären machen und sie organisieren durch und durch als die einzige Kraft gegen den gemeinsamen Feind.

Das glauben wir von ganzem Herzen. Die wahre Führungsfähigkeit der Revolution ist, daß sie so konzipiert ist, daß sie dem Volk dient in der unbedingten Überzeugung der Überlegenheit der Volksinteressen.

Wir, die JRA, haben diesem Kampf um Widersprüche im Volk klar zu machen, einen ideologischen Kampf zur Veränderung der bürgerlichen Mentalität und des bürgerlichen Verstandes des Einzelnen genannt. Wir haben uns vorbereitet, um uns richtig mit dem Volk zu vereinen. Wir werden unseren ideologischen Kampf fortführen, um die Einheit mit allen Menschen in verschiedenen Bereichen herzustellen, und uns gegenseitig in den jeweiligen Kämpfen zu ergänzen. Wir werden diesen ideologischen Kampf beibehalten, um Schritt für Schritt die Klasseneinheit mit dem Volk, Genossen und Freunden aufzubauen, aus der Perspektive, eine neue Gesellschaft aufzubauen, die den Kapitalismus ersetzen wird.

Diese Kämpfe als solche werden die Praxis des bewaffneten Kampfes der JRA zu einer Demonstration des Volkswillens machen, zu einem ausdauernden internationalen und nationalen Guerillakrieg mit hohem Klassenbewußtsein.

Als letztes wollen wir euch versichern, Japanisches Volk, Genossen und Freunde, daß wir mit euch vereint sein wollen, um mit euch unsere fehlende Reife zu überwinden, um uns gegenseitig zu unterstützen und um eine neue Gesellschaft, in der niemand anders als das Volk die Macht hat, aufzubauen und vervollständigen. Laßt uns die Hände geben damit wir entschlossenes Klassenbewußtsein in Parteigeist verwandeln können. Laßt uns die Hände geben, damit wir den einzigen Feind mit unseren vereinten Kräften besiegen können.

30. Mai

## THE STATEMENTS FROM THE JAPANESE RED ARMY

### I. ON PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

#### THE STATEMENT ON MURDER OF COMRADE KHALIL AL-WAZIR (ABU JIHAD)

April 17, 1988

The Japanese Red Army

We in the Japanese Red army strongly condemn Zionist Israel and its intelligence organization on murder of Comrade Khalil Al-Wazir (Abu Jihad) as the terrorist acts against Palestine Revolution.

This murder of Comrade Abu Jihad, the higher responsible for the popular uprising in the occupied Palestine, was clearly aimed to stop the popular uprising continuing for more than 5 months.

Zionist has been losing control in the occupied territories by the popular uprising of Palestine people who have only stones and molotov cocktails. Zionist already has killed more than 200 people and detained more than 12000 people. But Zionist has failed to regain control in the entire occupied territories. Palestinian people under the direction of PLO/National Unified Leadership of the Uprising have developed the uprising into total resistance against Zionist occupation policies and created the basis of popular power of the Palestinian people. Therefore, Zionist has no way to continue the expansionist and racist practice in the occupied territories other than terrorizing Palestine leaders inside and outside of the occupied Palestine.

Zionist terrorism has not only killed Palestinian people systematically but killed them and bombed Palestinian institutions outside occupied Palestine. For example, in February, three Palestine cadres for occupied territories were assassinated by car-bomb in Limasol of Cyprus and The Ship of Return was canceled by systematic terror threat to ship owners and captains. At last, the ship was attacked by bomb of Zionist.

The murder of Abu Jihad disclosed how Zionist had been in critical position. And Zionist assassinated Comrade Abu Jihad to liquidate the leadership of the Palestinian people for their hope to cease uprising.

Despite of Zionist hope, Palestinian people under the leadership of PLO intensified their struggle against Zionist occupation. So, Zionist re-imposed total seal-off to the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip which they lifted after the Land Day. And Zionist killed more than 20 Palestinian on the same day of the murder.

It is clear enough that Zionist is going down to hell by

this murder.

We in the JRA will strengthen struggle against Zionist and their strategic supporter U.S. imperialism and strengthen the militant solidarity with Palestinian people. And we call upon progressive and revolutionary forces over the world to strengthen their struggle against Zionist and U.S. imperialist and to unite as one anti-imperialist front against enemies. We will never allowed Japanese imperialism to help Zionist.

**Death to Zionist and U.S. imperialist !  
Long live the popular uprising of Palestinian people !  
Long live the martyrs of Palestinian people !**

#### MESSAGE ON THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAND DAY

March 30, 1988  
The Japanese Red Army

All the friends gathered to commemorate the Land Day! We in the Japanese Red Army like to extend our solidarity with you and express our determination to strengthen more and more international solidarity with Palestinian Revolution on the 12th anniversary of March 30, the Land Day.

This year, the Land Day anniversary has special importance as the uprising of the Palestinian people inside the occupied territories since last December is constantly developing at this very moment. The steadfast continuation of the uprising is very important not only for Arab Palestinian people but all the people over the world who are waging struggles against imperialist rule and reactionaries.

1.

Here in the Middle East, U.S. imperialist, Zionist, imperialist allies states have been launching attacks to dismantle, militarily, politically, economically and every possible means, national liberation struggle spearheaded by the Palestinian Revolution and anti-imperialist nationalist states such as Libya, Syria and so on with the pretext of anti-"terrorist" campaign. Meanwhile, U.S. imperialism has been guiding Arab reactionaries into capitulation and aiming at achieving the basic of the Middle East strategy to integrate-and-rule over Arab and "Israel". Thus, liberation of Palestine (Palestinian cause) was lowered from the authentic status as the first cause of Arab nationalism.

On the Palestinian level, the Palestinian people have been facing difficult situation due to split of the PLO leadership and "camp war" in Lebanon.

The reactionary trend in the Middle East was the development as a link of U.S. imperialist offensive of military adventurism through launching on SDI and "LIW" (Low

Intensity Warfare) to corner anti-imperialist forces including socialist countries. The manipulations of U.S. imperialist heightened tensions in various parts of the world and caused the nuclear war danger.

To counter U.S. maneuvers, socialist and anti-imperialist progressive countries as a part anti-imperialist forces have waged their struggle to stop belligerent U.S. politics by means of peace offensive so as to politically isolate U.S. imperialism. On the other hand, anti-imperialist forces on their way to achieve revolution in their respective countries have waged their struggle against imperialism and reactionary forces while coordinating with peace offensive afore-mentioned.

On the Palestinian Revolution, the efforts on re-unifying the PLO leadership achieved the goal in Reunification PNC held last April. Driving forces was the former Democratic Alliance such as the PFLP. To overcome the difficult situation, popular masses in the occupied territories have rose up, denying capitulation landslide, and declared their determination to decide their own destiny with their hands. The struggle has not only smashed capitulationist offensive but also ambition of U.S. imperialism, to re-impose its diktat in the Middle East. Furthermore, the uprising has driven occupation policy of Zionist into bankruptcy, which triggered serious polarization among Zionists.

Their just struggle gained understanding of the world to righteousness of the Palestinian Revolution. Thus far, U.S. imperialism and Zionists have been misleading world public opinion that struggle of Palestine is "terrorism" and the PLO is "terrorist", but their demagogue was exposed in the day light today. Peoples over the world know that U.S. imperialism and Zionists are terrorists.

This is the great victory of the Palestinian people. It is the victory of anti-imperialist forces over the world, too. Uprising of the Palestinians, in a body with struggles of the Filipino people, Korean people and march of Central and South American people's struggle headed by people of El Salvador, has opened the new era where people's struggle takes initiative of the developments.

2.

So, friends, solidarity with Palestinian Arab people demands us to commit ourselves to direct solidarity actions and to wage our own struggle in our place to open the era where people take up initiative of the situation.

Particularly, it is important to recognize Japanese imperialism is actively supporting and supplementing U.S. imperialist diktat over the world to ease aggravating imperialist contradictions with U.S. counterpart on the one hand and to materialize own ambition to expand its politico-military influence on the other. Japanese imperialist is confronting peoples over the world as common enemy

along with U.S. imperialism.

In the Middle East, Japanese imperialism is helping directly and indirectly military intervention of U.S. imperialism into the Gulf War. Moreover, Japanese imperialism is expanding economic cooperation with Zionist Israel that is badly seeking aid as U.S. imperialism could no longer afford it. This is an example of how Japanese imperialism is supplementing Middle East strategy of the bankrupt U.S. imperialism.

This is integral part of intensification of anti-revolutionary alliance of Japan-South Korea-U.S.A. in the Far East. It is vital for us Japanese people to fight Japanese imperialist "internationalization" as our solidarity with uprising of Palestinian Arab people. In order to fulfill our tasks, Japanese revolutionary forces and people, including us the JRA, must be armed with internationalist perspective more than ever.

3.

The struggle of Palestine Arab people is teaching us vital lessons. The most vital one manifested in the uprising is the fact that people's resolute determination ready for physical death and unified action against enemy can score victory against any formidable enemy. Zionist occupation forces is one of the best military machines that is constantly engaged in military confrontation some way or other, and is equipped with the most sophisticated arms thanks to U.S. aids. Yet, it is losing to unified action of people who have confronting with stone or something around themselves against enemy armed to teeth.

The second one is people's initiative to step forward so as to overcome difficult situation surrounding the Palestinian Revolution. The Palestinian people rose up consciously and seeking response of Palestinian Revolution outside the occupied territories consciously.

Thus, we need to make out unified struggle against enemy and expand our struggle as initiated by people themselves and armed with resolute determination of people themselves.

Every one of you who got together in the Land Day rally today!

We in the Japanese Red Army are determined to enrich militant solidarity with Palestinian Revolution pioneered by the Lydda Struggle of May 30 of 1972, and fulfill our internationalist tasks as our response to the uprising of Palestinian Arab people. When we arm ourselves with resolute determination and unified action, no matter how strong enemy might be, no matter how severe oppression enemy put us, we can defeat enemy. Uprising of the Palestinian people has proven people themselves are invincible. Let us fight together for opening the era of people.

**Long live the Victory of Palestinian Arab people's uprising !**  
**Long live militant solidarity between peoples of Palestine and Japan !**  
**Long live the success of the Land Day Rally !**

#### THE STATEMENT ON THE UPRISING

January 8, 1988  
The Japanese Red Army

1. We condemn Zionist Israel on suppression and massacre against Palestinian people in the occupied territories.
2. It is Zionist themselves that are terrorists. We call upon peoples over the world to fight against such a terrorism and to support the struggles of Palestinian people in the occupied territories.
3. We highly appreciate heroic struggles of Palestinian Arab people in the occupied territories, having stopped reactionary trend in the Middle East and having created the great advance to liberate Palestinian homeland. And we are convinced that it is the only way to anti-imperialist popular liberation that is steadfast struggles of people.
4. We appeal people, comrades and friends in Japan that we are demanded to support Palestinian people in the occupied territories as Japanese people's struggle for the solidarity with Korean and Filipino peoples which have been creating great advance in popular struggles. These support and solidarity is not only support and practice solidarity with Palestinian people, but also to advance the struggle of anti-imperialist forces over the world.
5. We in the JRA would like to express our determination of support and solidarity with Palestinian people in the occupied territories, through waging anti-imperialist struggle in our own field.

**Kick out U.S. imperialist from everywhere over the world !**  
**Down with Zionist !**  
**Long live the struggles of people in the occupied territories !**  
**Long live unity of anti-imperialist forces !**

**THE STATEMENT  
ON THE 60TH DAYS OF POPULAR UPRISING  
OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

**February 6, 1988  
The Japanese Red Army**

Dear Palestinian Arab People !

On behalf of Japanese people, we in the JRA would like to extend our firm support to the struggle of Palestinian Arab people in the occupied territories who continue the uprising for 60 days.

Your steadfast struggle is not only to have changed the trend in the Middle East situation, but also to be encouraging the struggles of people over the world for anti-imperialism and progress including our Japanese people. It is a historical struggle which opens the new era of peoples in the international class struggles.

We in the revolutionary forces and people of Japan would like to express our will to continue to fight together with Palestinian Arab people against common enemies.

**2.**  
U.S. imperialist and Zionist the enemies are trying to exploit money of Japanese imperialism who is our direct enemy, to maintain their hegemonies in the Middle East which are badly effected by the uprising.

Japanese imperialist the enemy also is actively trying to give her hand to U.S. imperialist and Zionist, for her own ambition.

In the Far East, Japanese imperialist is trying to support U.S. rule over the world as a back born of the Japan-South Korea-U.S. anti-revolutionary alliance, exploiting the KAL incident plotted by KCIA and the arrest of our Comrade Maruoka. Similarly, Japanese imperialism actively supports U.S. imperialist and Zionist, taking off her mask of neutral position in the Middle East policies.

We will practice our solidarity with Palestinian Arab people through waging struggle against those policies of Japanese imperialism.

**3.**  
We confirm the wills of our martyr Comrades Basim Okudaira and Salah Yasuda who have martyred in the Lydda struggle in '72 were inherited by the uprising of Palestinian people and now return to the struggle of Japanese and Asian people by the uprising.

We in the JRA will strengthen our solidarity with Palestinian people and peoples over the world fighting against imperialist, together with Comrade Okamoto who have taken part in the Lydda struggle along with our martyrs and jailed in Zionist prison for 13 years. We are convinced

that it is realized only through our struggles against Japanese and U.S. imperialist by all means of struggle including peaceful, massive and militant way.

**Death to U.S. imperialist and Zionist !  
Don't allow Japanese imperialism to make any conspiracies in the Middle East !  
Long live the 60th days of popular uprising of Palestinian people !  
Long live the solidarity among the peoples over the world fight against imperialist and Zionist !**

**2. ON THE SUPPRESSION**

**COMDEMNATION ON UNJUST OPPRESSION**

**February 5, 1988  
The Japanese Red Army**

**1**  
We in the JRA strongly condemn of Japanese imperialist security police on unjust oppression on false charges of "Passport Act violation" of our Comrades Maruoka and Sensui. Since last November on, Japanese imperialist security police mounted unjust search over 200 places on false charges of "Passport Act violation". These people searched have nothing to do with said allegations, nor no relations with our Comrades Maruoka and Sensui. The act is not justified even by their own bourgeois law.

Nature of that search is manifested by the remarks of security police against protests of searched people who asked them to show any evidence of the charge: "We judge if you are involved or not" said police and they never have shown evidences to people. Because, that remark tells that police could raid any houses whenever security police judged "There is an involvement", even if they can not present material proof or evidences of that involvement. This is exactly the practice of fascism.

**2**  
The intention of this unjust search is clear enough. In the first place, in exploitation of Comrade Maruoka's arrest, security police aimed at liquidating popular movements and people committed to those movement by faking framing them as "Japanese Red Army sympathizers". In the second place, security police aimed at cutting us from popular struggles. Namely, the indiscriminate oppression was launched to impress public opinion and popular movements that the Japanese Red Army is responsible for that oppression. In the third place, Japanese security police is paving the way to justify any oppression against "Red Army connection" as U.S. and Western European countries are enjoying free hand once labeled as "terrorists".

Their methods are fascist one. Since the arrest of Comrade

Maruoka, security police has been trying to form public opinion tolerant to any acts of security police against those whom labeled as "terrorists" or "Japanese Red Army members". To this regard, security police has mounted maximum campaign of "Japanese Red Army is terrorist" by mobilizing mass media. That is the way to drive public opinion from the truth by controlling informations and thus forming public opinion as authority wants.

Anti-Japanese Red Army campaign is launched in one body with the series of anti-"terror" campaign waged jointly by KCIA-CIA-Japanese Police Agency after the KAL incident. These maneuvers aimed at forming domestic consensus corresponding to qualitative step-up of anti-revolutionary alliance of Japan-South Korea-U.S.A. in the Far East to open Seoul Olympic games as its vital link. That step-up implies to Japanese imperialism has to open the road for survival by actively taking over the pillar role thus far U.S. imperialism had played in anti-revolutionary alliance. To do that job, it is imperative for Japanese imperialism to mobilized Japanese people into anti-communist and anti-revolutionary encirclement, and to liquidate progressive-democratic forces and revolutionary forces. This campaign is waged in one body with a serious of promoting re-imposing Tennoist (Emperor) Rule, which drives Japan into dark age as same as Japanese Militarism in pre-war time. We must not allow the plot as such.

3  
Comrade Maruoka was arrested in unjust circumstances, too. Mass media almost kept on presenting demagogues supplied security police everyday, but did not heed to touch on unjust arrest itself. Security police dispatch personnels disguised in journalists not only inside Japan but to various countries to investigate under that cover, in addition to feeding demagogues to mass media.

Campaign against us by security police and mass media in one body paved the era of gloomy fascism again. Mass media should know they are strangling their own neck by dancing on security police tunes.

4  
We in the JRA aim at overthrowing enemy Japanese imperialism that is suffocating with fascist method, popular struggles along with that of revolutionary forces. We aim at it by popular struggles by broader masses.

We shall struggle to our last against intensification of Japan-South Korea-U.S. anti-revolutionary alliance that is serving as the background of unjust oppression. The intensified has openly developed into A class anti-revolutionary power against Asia and the world.

Thus, our internationalist task demands us to struggle till the victory against conspiracy of Japanese imperialism.

We in the JRA shall, as an integral part of Japanese

people's struggle, struggle with Japanese people to establish Japan with popular sovereignty, non-alliance and neutrality.

## PROTEST ON FALSE ALLEGATION OF THE JRA

April 16, 1988  
The Japanese Red Army

Italian police has made a false allegation that our comrade had taken part in the operation in Naples. We strongly protest on this false allegation of Italian police as follows;

First, we have to make our standing point clear on this operation. As an anti-imperialist forces, we have supported all struggles against imperialism, zionism and reactionary, and we recognize all kind of method and style in the struggle. From this standing point, we support the operation in Naples as an anti-imperialist struggle.

Second, it is totally untrue what Italian police alleged about us. We have to make it clear that any of our comrades have not taken part in this operation and we have no relation with the Jihad Brigade or Islamic Brigade.

Third, Italian police had issued arrest warrants for two of our comrades alleged involvements in the Rome operation last year. But it was also a false allegation. In this time, Italian police did the same things to our comrade. Why did Italian police do the same things to our comrades? Only we understand they have no capability to do their job. If something happened, they just blame on us. It is an easy way to hide incompetence.

Forth, we will struggle against enemies continuously until the final victory. We will overcome any obstacles against us.

**Down with Italian liar !**  
**Down with U.S. imperialism and Japanese imperialism !**  
**Long live anti-imperialist forces !**

## THE STATEMENTS FROM THE JAPANESE RED ARMY

### ON THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LYDDA AIRPORT STRUGGLE

**LET'S STRENGTHEN OUR INTERNATIONALIST PRACTICE AND SUPPORT THE NEW HISTORICAL STAGE HEWED OUT BY PALESTINE ARAB PEOPLE !**

May 30, 1988  
Japanese Red Army

On the occasion of the 16th anniversary of Lydda Airport Struggle of May 30, we, in the Japanese Red Army, reconfirm our determination to hold on and develop our stand point of internationalism manifested by the Lydda Airport Struggle, and to fight with Palestinian Arab people to victory.

Palestinian people's struggle has reached a new stage in the history of Arab national struggle for liberation. We are confident that the conviction of our martyred comrades of the Lydda Airport Struggle has now materialized in the popular uprising.

The martyrdom of our comrades was dedicated for the development of Palestinian people's struggle for the cause of Palestinian Revolution. We, with Comrade Okamoto back in our rank liberated by Palestinian Revolution in '85 after 13 years of captivity in Zionist prison, are determined to advance internationalist struggle taking up the revolutionary will left by Martyred Comrades Okudaira and Yasuda of the Lydda Airport Struggle and other comrades who have fallen in the process of our struggle.

1  
The Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied land, which started on December 9 of the last year, has created a new stage of the Arab national liberation struggle. The characteristics of the new stage are as follows:  
In the first place, its endurance that continued for over 6 months. Palestinian people inside the occupied territory themselves took initiative of the uprising and leadership of the Palestinian Revolution stationed outside the territory supported the uprising, both of which were the key for its endurance. The present development was achieved by people's initiative that had turned the past ways of struggle under the initiative of the Palestinian Revolution outside the territory due to historical conditions. More specifically, since Zionist's invasion to Lebanon in '82, leadership of the Revolution outside the territory had been under difficult conditions such as repeated "camp war" in Lebanon and Arab reactionary forces exploited the situation to bring down the core of Arab cause, the Palestinian issue, from its due status, so, the people themselves rose up to break through these difficulties. That stride implies to the fact that the Palestinian people themselves have formed themselves as a conscious force to gain their liberation. Therefore, despite of massacres

committed by the Zionist and the deteriorating living conditions as uprising continues, the people are able to keep on fighting voluntarily. At the same time, the endurance was guaranteed also by efforts of the Palestinian Revolution outside the territory to safeguard the initiative of people and secure its development.

In the second place, the endurance of the struggle has created the substance of the power of the people themselves, not a mere resistance. The uprising has been organized as the total confrontation to Zionist occupation by resistance in political, economic, social and all the domains. Comprehensive deployment of resistance has achieved the nature of the struggle as one to establish popular power itself. The boycott of Zionist commodity and the refusal of labor on Zionist demand the Palestinians build up their own foundations to continue their struggle, which necessitated the formation of popular committee under the guidance of the PLO/National United Leadership for the Uprising. The formation of the popular committee has rendered the uprising the nature of establishing popular power. Under the popular committee, along with other organs, defense committees are formed and began self defense of the people. Although present arms for the people are confined to stone and molotov cocktail, formation of defense committee indicates the beginning of armed struggle of people themselves and the development of the struggle. Because, it means the evident maturity of the revolutionary quality of the Palestinian Revolution that is firmly founded on the people.

In the third place, the popular uprising of Palestine plays banner-holder role that enhances solidarity of anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist forces of Arab nation. As the struggle of Vietnamese people enhanced the solidarity of anti-imperialist forces over the world in the past, and advanced the struggle of anti-imperialist forces not only in Vietnam but also over the world, the popular uprising of Palestine is today advancing among and struggle of anti-imperialist forces. As a concrete example, it stimulated rapprochement between the PLO and Syria that was in low key since '83, and that rapprochement gave a positive condition for anti-imperialist forces of the Middle East in general for overcoming splits. That has turned the political trend of the Middle East in favor of the anti-imperialist forces.

Enemy Zionist and U.S. imperialist are confronting more difficult conditions posed by the development of the uprising waged by the Palestinian people. The Zionist, throughout its history since its inception, has expanded its territories by waging wars against Arab states, in coordination with U.S. imperialism, continued racist and expansionist activities exploiting its military superiority, and oppressed and exploited Arab Palestinian people arbitrarily. Meanwhile, propagating the armed struggle of the Palestinian for national liberation as "terror", the Zionist has been justifying its racist terrorism. But the popular uprising of the Palestinian people has now taken off the fig leaf out of historical feature of the Zionist, while driving them into dead-end for imposing solution

by its military power which the Zionist has counted on. Moreover, the uprising defeated Zionist not only politically but also the economic and social fiber of Zionist entity is loosening.

U.S. imperialist regarded it necessary to save the Zionist from tumbling into the Hell even if the world public opinion is not in the Zionist favor. Because the key of U.S. imperialist rule on Arab nation has been politico-military superiority of the Zionist over the Arab nation. By exploiting the existence of the Zionist, U.S. imperialism could secure its imperialistic interests. The much difficult for the Zionist to dismantle the uprising be, the much critical for U.S. imperialist to maintain its rule in the region becomes. It implies not only the isolation of U.S. Administration ruled by Jewish lobby but also the deterioration of U.S. relations with Arab reactionary regimes and the expansion of the Soviet influence which the U.S. Administration has dreaded for.

2

In historical review, the uprising marks the 4th phase of Arab National Liberation Struggle after the war. The Palestine issue was initiated by post-war settlement after the Second World War, and took a form of wars between Arab states refusing such settlement and "Israel" as artificially established as a Jewish state.

On this phase, anti-Fascist forces, including the Soviet Union have agreed on the partition of Palestine. Arab states opposed the partition, and they had anti-neo-colonialist inclination, while keeping their feudalistic elements. Zionist, as a wing of anti-fascist alliance, materialized its interests and built up the foundation for its expansionist policy in the time that has followed.

Since then, confrontation against "Israel" has achieved the status of pillar to integrate Arab nationalism, stronger struggle than the anti-imperialist one of prewar time. The phase since then to '67 can be defined as one in which anti-"Israel" struggle was fought as the conflicts between states. After the Arab were defeated in '67 War, the Palestinian people began shouldering the struggle as their own to liberate their whole territory. In this phase, Arab nationalism faced reorganization and turmoil to choose capitalism of socialism. The struggle of the Palestinian people, represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization, took initiative of the Palestine cause, and Arab states took up positions as their supporters.

The PLO, appeared on the regional political arena by refusing the stand of socialist countries and communist parties of each countries who recognize "Israel" state as a post-war settlement, and also refused formula of Arab states that had refused the existence of "Israel" while bearing feudalistic and anti-neo-colonialist element. In this phase, Arab national liberation struggle came to bear anti-imperialist nature and the people, not the state, themselves took initiative of the struggle. On the part of anti-imperialist forces of the world, support for the PLO became the matter that clarified the nature of offence/defence of anti-imperialism and anti-Communism, coupled

with conspiracies of expansionist "Israel" enjoying the backing of U.S. imperialism. State interests and class confrontation of Arab states appeared much vivid in this phase, culminated in conflicts between Arab states. The new structure was born on which Camp David line confronted Arab progressive anti-imperialist states, while Arab reactionary forces kept on changing its support according to power balance.

Another phase was marked by the PLO's withdrawal from Beirut in '82. It has rendered regional and international stagnation on the march of international popular forces, which in turn increased the elements that reorganized struggle of people's initiative by the framework of state politics. On the international arena, U.S. imperialism launched military offensives to roll-back the balance which aggravated confrontation against socialist states thus far supported anti-imperialist states on state level, and each region and states had to choose between pro-U.S. stand and anti-U.S. stand. In the Middle East region, U.S. imperialist's "Peace Plans" or progressive states such as Syria came to command the situation, and the PLO was forced to concentrate on relations of state level.

As the reflection of these circumstances, the Palestinian Revolution faced such difficulties as the PLO's splits, and strained relations with the Lebanese nationalist forces. As a result, the PLO as the nucleus of the Palestinian people faced weakened stand, which accelerated the trend to impose solution on Palestine issue by Arab reactionary state in coordination with U.S. imperialism.

The popular uprising that started in the end of '87, reinstated the status of the PLO as the nucleus of the liberation struggle of people through militant initiatives manifested by the people themselves on the one hand, and reminded Arab reactionaries that there can be no solution that neglects the Palestinian people. In the international development, initiatives of socialist countries has brought about detente between the Soviet Union and the U.S. imperialism, however, U.S. imperialism pushes on conspiracies to dismantle revolutionary forces of each countries and regions. So, the center of confrontation is popular-forces of anti-imperialism against imperialism. The popular uprising of Palestine took up its position in this confrontation relations as a whole. This development shows that offense and defense progress has reached such a phase where the people themselves are demanded to make a choice, as the reflection of reorganizing process for the 21th century.

3

On recognizing the historical status and quality of the popular uprising of the Palestinians, there can be no misunderstanding that internationalist practices to extend staunch support to it and make solidarity with it are not only stimulating the march of the Palestinian Revolution but also creating the age in which people take up initiative of the situation. At the same time, internationalists are demanded to enhance such struggles that the people take up the initiatives in each country. In this

context, the struggle of the Japanese people is one, and most significant one as well.

What is the significance of the march of the Japanese people's struggle in this phase? Because, Takeshita regime of Japan, as the loyal follower of the former Nakasone regime, is rigorously pushing "internationalization" drive to intensify its role to supplement global rule of U.S. imperialism -, which apparently antagonizes peoples over the world, particularly peoples of "Third World" in direct form. It is getting much importance to locate its own position and intensify struggle against Japanese and U.S. imperialism in the context of transforming trend of the world today. Responding to the current initiated by militant peoples themselves to launch such struggle that forms themselves as the subject of popular power in the coming age. It can be done by supporting popular voluntary struggle in every domains and by making united struggle against the enemy. Let us create broader struggles, people can get together in this sense. The real progress of internationalist practice manifests itself in such struggle.

On the occasion of the 16th anniversary of the Lydda Airport Struggle, we, in the Japanese Red Army would like to express again our determination to develop internationalist practices in our own battlefield. Let us call upon all anti-imperialist forces to fight together against exploitation and oppression of the Japanese and U.S. imperialism.

(Translated from the Japanese version.)

#### THE STATEMENT ON THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LYDDA AIRPORT STRUGGLE

May 30, 1988  
Japanese Red Army

On the occasion of the 16th anniversary of Lydda Airport Struggle, we, in the Japanese Red Army, would like to express our will to continue our just struggle against imperialism, Zionist and reactionaries.

16 years ago, our comrades, Bashim Okudaira, Salah Yasuda and Ahamad Okamoto went to the Lydda Airport in the occupied Palestine, with their guns and revolutionary mind of the internationalists. And full spirits for solidarity with Palestinian people in the occupied Palestine had given our martyr comrades to be in high moral in the all process in this operation. We can say our martyr comrades' confidence in Palestinian people has been realized in the current Intifada (uprising) in the occupied territories, and we deepen our confidence in internationalism based on practical cooperation in the struggles against the common enemies.

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In these days, U.S. imperialist is practicing aggressive policies against peoples over the world to liquidate popular and national liberation movements, using enormous arsenal. On the other hand, anti-imperialist forces, especially,

socialist countries have been making efforts to isolate U.S. militarism by peace offensive. This drive contributes to cease tensions of various regions suffering from U.S. imperialist and their allies. And the most significant of these efforts was that it has opened the way to liquidate nuclear weapons from the earth by concluding INF treaty last year.

It was a great victory for all the peoples and anti-imperialist forces over the world. As internationalist, we support those efforts by the socialist countries and should defend achievements of the victories.

At the same time, we as anti-imperialist forces on the way to victory of the revolution should exert our own efforts to defeat imperialism, Zionist and reactionaries for liberation of our people under exploitation and oppressions by enemies.

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Now, contradictions between imperialisms for their survival of the 21st century are aggravating. And those contradictions lead to intensified exploitation of their own peoples and "the Third World" more and more. Peoples face severer conditions for their survivals under imperialists' fetter.

Those conditions are giving the importance of the popular and national struggles against imperialists and their local allies by all means and capabilities. And popular struggles and armed struggle will create a new area for the people as a component of anti-imperialist struggles as a whole.

As internationalist, we should create popular and militant cooperation against enemies while coordinating peace efforts by the socialist and progressive countries.

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We believe as principle any one of our struggles should defend peace efforts and anti-imperialist countries. It does not mean peaceful struggles must be in the main stage but there is importance of the way of the struggles in the popular and armed struggles. First, the struggle must be just in the popular cause. Second, the struggle must defeat enemies by all means. Third, the struggle must defend socialist and anti-imperialist progressive countries by all means. Forth, the struggle must be continuous and protractive till the firm victories.

With those principles, our struggle will be a component of the anti-imperialist struggles over the world.

The stage of the process on restructuring the world for the 21st century has come to popular level from state level. The anti-imperialist struggles on this stage give the importance to people's struggles. And imperialists and their local allies created a global cooperation network against popular and national struggles. Thus, we are demanded to have more international cooperations in the struggles against imperialists and their local allies.

On the occasion of the 16th anniversary of the Lydda Airport struggle, we, in the JRA, are determined to continue our struggle for the Japanese revolution and fulfill internationalist task. We call upon peoples and anti-imperialist forces to fight together against the common enemies.

**DOWN WITH U.S. AND JAPANESE IMPERIALISM !  
DOWN WITH ZIONIST !  
LONG LIVE THE INTIFADA (UPRISING) OF THE OC-  
CUPIED PALESTINE AND ALL THE POPULAR STRUGG-  
LES AGAINST ENEMIES !  
GLORY TO OUR MARTYRS AND ALL THE MARTYRS  
IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR  
LOCAL ALLIES !**

## II. ON THE OTHER ISSUES

### **THE STATEMENT ON THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO "ISRAEL" BY THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER UNO**

**24th of June, 1988  
The Japanese Red Army**

1. We in the Japanese Red Army strongly condemn the official visit to "Israel" by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Sousuke Uno, as it is aiming to strengthen Japanese tie with Zionist. Concerning this official visit, Japanese government has explained that it did not mean to change traditional Japanese Middle East policies. But, this is only a camouflage to hide their real aim. It is clear that the real aim of this official visit is to strengthen Japanese tie with Zionist in order to weaken Intifada (uprising) of Palestinian people and to help Zionist in crisis.

2. Japanese government has explained this official visit as for playing "international role" of Japan in the Middle East. So, they said they should hear not from one side only but from the both sides.

But, what is "international role" of Japan? As it is clear everywhere in the world, it means Japanese imperialist's support and supplement for U.S. global strategy. Actually, in the East Asia, Japanese imperialist has joined aid program to Aquino regime designed by U.S. imperialist, aiming to liquidate national democratic struggle of Filipino people and to maintain U.S. military bases in the Philippines. And Japanese imperialist has provided politico-military support to South Korean military dictatorship who wears "democratic" mask in order to liquidate Korean people's struggle for the unification of Korea and democracy.

Japanese imperialist made it clear that Japan would play "international role" as providing "reconstruction aids" to Afghanistan and other countries in the "regional conflicts". That is what Prime Minister Takeshita has declared in his speech at U.N. General Assembly Special Session for Disarmament.

As the world knows, U.S. imperialist has created U.S. domination over the world and prevented the wave of popular democratic revolution from expanding to West Europe just after the WW II, through providing "reconstruction aids" called "Marshall Plan". It is similar with

Japanese intention now, while Japanese imperialist takes her position to support and help U.S. global strategy. Therefore, for the Middle East, it means to strengthen "Israel" as the keystone for U.S. global strategy.

3. Especially, Palestinian people have won historical victory in "the Summit of Uprising" in Algiers, and foiled U.S. "peace initiative" that is only in favor of "Israel" and ignored Palestinian people and the PLO, their sole legitimate representative. After this victory for the Palestinian people, it is clear what Japanese imperialist intends to play her role for her big brother: U.S. imperialist. Arab countries have no experience of brutal aggression and occupation by Japanese imperialist which Asian and Pacific countries know. And Japanese imperialist has been standing in favor of Arab countries historically in order to ensure oil supply to Japan. It has been relatively independent from U.S. Middle East policies. However, stress on "international role" of Japan means Japanese imperialist has shifted from the former diplomacy rooted on her economic interests to that of actively supporting U.S. global strategy. Actually, Japanese imperialist is strengthening her economic relation to "Israel" little by little, though Japan has felt no interest to "Israel" compared to size of markets and natural resources of Arab countries.

"Israel" can survive depending deeply on the economic-military aids from U.S. imperialist. But, economic crisis of U.S. imperialism is reducing U.S. aids to "Israel". It needs other sources to help their survival. Thus, that is Japanese imperialist. U.S. imperialist is demanding Japanese imperialist to play "international role" in the Middle East, supporting "Israel" by Japanese economic power. Official visit to "Israel" by Japanese minister itself is the first time in two decades.

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We, in the JRA, support the PLO and Arab progressive countries to exploit Japanese imperialist position for their strategy, and understand significance to halt Japanese imperialist to go after U.S. imperialist. At the same time, we as Japanese people and revolutionary forces will fight against "international role" of Japan and will extend our solidarity with popular and progressive forces in the Middle East through assuming our duty to prevent Japanese imperialist from playing any role for supporting and supplementing U.S. domination over the world.

### **WE CONDEMN U.S. IMPERIALIST'S SHOOTING DOWN OF IRANIAN CIVIL AIRLINER**

**July 4, 1988  
The Japanese Red Army**

1. We, in the Japanese Red Army, strongly condemn USS Vincennes shooting down of an Iran Air Airbus A-300

and massacring 290 people on board on July 3. This cold-blood action is the indiscriminate terror directed by U.S. imperialism, which we condemn, against Islamic Republic of Iran and Islamic anti-U.S. imperialist Revolution.

2. This is the result of U.S. imperialist instigations repeated on and on to liquidate Islamic Revolution of anti-imperialist and anti-U.S. imperialism since its direct military intervention in July of '87 to the Gulf War.

3. This U.S. imperialist action can not be acceptable for every one of people who demand peace and freedom over the world. The "justifications" of the massacre presented by Reagan Administration reveals the substance of U.S. imperialism better than any other examples.

4. We demand U.S. imperialist to withdraw from the Gulf immediately and to compensate the loss of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

**DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM !**  
**LONG LIVE THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES !**