

For Israel !

Against Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism!

Our motivation for showing our solidarity with the Israeli population and the Israeli State here today is the threat Israel constantly faces, a threat that is especially clear at the present time.

From the very establishment of the state in 1948, Israel was forced to defend her very existence against her neighbouring countries. Their goal was the destruction of the Jewish state. This war for the existence of the young Israeli State was predominantly fought by people who had survived the German extermination plans against them just a few years earlier - They were once again fighting for their survival. Also in the following decades, the Israeli state, which guarantees protection to people threatened by anti-Semitism across the world, was constantly attacked and exposed to threats. At the latest since the anti-Israeli wars 1967 and 1973, it has been obvious to all that Israel could not exist without military self-defence.

On top of this has been the decade long threat to the Israeli population in the form of terrorist attacks from the PLO, PFLP, Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad. The aim of these attacks is made clear in the Hamas Charta, as well as in a pamphlet from 1990, in which it states, "Every Jew is a settler and it is our duty to kill him." The latest attacks on Israel show once again that the danger has by no means disappeared, and this despite the acceptance of the State of Is-

rael by Egypt and Jordan. Israel is increasingly facing Islamic terror organisations that are being accepted as legitimate political negotiation partners by the EU or Russia. This in itself is in de facto a positioning for Israel's opponents. The EU also maintains good economic and political contacts with countries that support Hezbollah, both financially and with infrastructure, as the negotiations with the Holocaust denier and Iranian President Ahmadinejad show.

The portrayal of Israel as the aggressor is a theme present in the statements of the political representatives of Russia or the EU, as well as in media reporting, and it is especially obvious within public opinion and discourse. With very few exceptions, Israel is refuted the legitimacy to carry out military manoeuvres by the accusation that she is reacting with "disproportional" force. In doing so they are negating Israel's right to self-defence. In accordance with this, an emotional portrayal of the situation in Lebanon is established in which Israel is fighting an aggressive war - the sole victims of the conflict can only possibly be Lebanese civilians. Scarcely mentioned is the danger for the Israeli civilians, who either had to flee to the south of the country



because of the constant attacks against residential areas, or spend their days and nights confined to the public air shelters. The fact that the Lebanese civilian population that suffer from the current crisis are being used and sacrificed by the Hezbollah in the form of human shields and negotiating chips seems to interest nobody. The terror organisation is still protected by a broad section of the population, a protection that makes its actions at all possible. Against the interests of the residents, but with the support of large sections of the Lebanese population, the Islamic terrorists set up their rocket launches within residential areas and use the Lebanese infrastructure to transport their weapons to the south of the country with the purpose of attacking Israel.

On the many anti-Israeli Demonstrations – that are currently taking place every week in Germany and Europe with thousands of participants – the depiction of Israel as the aggressor reached new heights and more or less blatant anti-Semitism was on display. Slogans such as „Stop the massacre - Stop the war – Victory to the Intifada!“ and „Death to Israel“ were chanted and Hezbollah and Hamas flags were flown, showing the demonstrators' sympathies with the anti-Semitic terrorists - in doing so they made it clear that they were denying Israel's mere right to exist.

By regularly equating Israel's policy with the crimes of National Socialism, attempts were made to legitimise their demonising of Israel, this tendency is of course simultaneously an expression of a deep-rooted anti-Semitic sentiment. It is the victims of the Shoah and their descendants of all people, those still threatened by anti-Semitism across the world that they portray as the Nazis of today. The member of parliament for the far-left „Linkspartei“ and ATTAC activist, Heike Hänsel, drew upon this equation, accusing Israel of conducting a „war of extermination“ on a demonstration on the 21st of July in Berlin this year, a term that in the German language is almost solely used to describe the war crimes of the Nazi regime.

The current situation shows once again the existential threat that Israel is still facing as before and how necessary her self-defence is. It also shows again the extent of hostility towards Israel among large sections of the population and also among many other governments; Demonstrations with significant numbers of participants in support of Israel have so far only taken place in the USA and Canada.

We demand an unconditional partisanship for a worldwide action against any form of Anti-Semitism, which includes the solidarity and active positioning with and for the Israeli state. We have come here in this context to demonstrate today, in order to stand up against the worldwide anti-Zionist mobilisations.

Solidarity with Israel!

Demonstration

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at 5 o'clock (pm)

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