

Towards United Struggle for Revolution and Socialism in the Middle East and North Africa

As revolutionaries in our region of the Middle East and North Africa, we are living through times in which, as Lenin said: "There are weeks where decades happen." On the one hand, the intensifying aggression of imperialists and Zionists and their collaborators struggling for hegemony and using ever more terror against our peoples; on the other hand, our brave people's resistance for national and social liberation, which introduced a new historical phase of confrontation between oppressor and oppressed with the Arab people's uprisings of 2011, the revolution of peoples in North East Syria, and the 7th of October leap. The struggle of the peoples against all forms of oppression, poverty and hopelessness for a dignified joint life, is a main impulse for the revolutionary struggle of the world.

The Palestinian liberation struggle and the resistance against the Zionist genocide have not only risen to the main agenda of peoples in the region but also of progressive humanity all over the world. Zionism escalates its aggression and occupation across the region, occupying Syria's Golan Heights, trying to reshape the region according to Zionist and Western imperialist interest, but faces the military and mass resistance of the peoples in Lebanon, Yemen, and internationally.

The rapid fall of Syria under Assad led to the takeover of power by HTS, which sells out the country to imperialists and Zionism, while imposing political Islamist rule on the peoples of Syria and committing massacres against Alawite, Druze and Christian people. This demands positioning of the revolutionaries to defend the achievements of workers, oppressed peoples, and women in Syria. Whereas the fascist Turkish NATO State tries to push forward its expansionism in the region, occupying northern Syria. Parallel to these developments the liberation struggle of the Kurdish people continues, a main resistance force of the region, which enters a new phase full of risks and uncertainties amid the PKK's initiative to lay down arms and reconcile with the Turkish state. At the same time, Iran faces reactionary war and intensifying aggression by US imperialism and Zionism, while the peoples of Iran, especially workers, women, and oppressed nations, just demands for freedom continues.

Across the Middle East, the struggle for political freedom, social, and national liberation conditions the struggle against imperialism and capitalism. All this leaves us no option but to take our struggle to a new level, lean on our different experiences, and develop our strategies to defeat this exploitative order that produces nothing other than oppression, chaos, fascism, war, and genocide.

Bringing together the different struggles of our countries is essential for workers and oppressed humanity to take their fate into their own hands and make new strides on the path to freedom for our peoples. For this reason, the **Middle East Coordination of ICOR will hold its 5th ICOR Middle East Conference** under these historic conditions. With the conference, we want to contribute to deepening the analysis of the developments in the region, strengthen comradeship and solidarity between revolutionary organizations and people's struggles. A main focus of our conference is to strengthen the international struggle for the end of genocide and occupation in Palestine, in support of the freedom and dignity of its people.

We cordially invite you to this conference to mutually share our experiences of struggle and to strengthen our bonds. We invite you to discuss the problems and perspectives of developing the

united struggle in our region and countries, and to enlighten new opportunities for organizing the united internationalist struggle.

The Conference will be held on 4-5 October in Tunisia, with an internationalist gathering on October 7th.

Please inform us about your participation before 1 September and do not hesitate to ask in case you have any questions:

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Agenda

Opening Session

- 1. On the current appearance of Imperialism, Zionism, War and Resistance in the Middle East and North Africa***
- 2. The Tasks and Chances of Revolutionary Struggles in the Middle East and North Africa***
- 3. Strengthening the Palestinian Resistance as a central axis of anti-imperialist struggle***
- 4. Special Dynamics of Women's Struggle in the Region***
- 5. Revolutionary Future Perspectives and Forms of United struggle***

Closing Session and Joint Declaration