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Statement on the killing of Muhammad Azizi and Abdul Rahman Sobh

Two days ago, Israeli Occupation Forces raided the city of Nablus, in the North of Palestine. Israeli armed forces stormed the neighbourhood of Al-Yasmina in the early hours of the morning, in an attempt to arrest Ibrahim al-Nabulsi, of the Al-Quds Brigades. The colonising force cordoned off a house before bombarding it with explosives and gunfire. They were responded to by Palestinian resistors. The ensuing battle lasted three hours, leaving nineteen Palestinians wounded, and killing two more.

We mourn the lives of Muhammad Azizi and Abdul Rahman Jamal Suleiman Sobh, who died while protecting Palestine against colonial aggressors.

Azizi was just twenty-five years old after succumbing to his death at the hands of Israeli bullets. Sobh, who was shot in the head, was just twenty-eight. Both men were mourned by thousands who attended their funeral on Sunday afternoon. Workers in the city of Nablus held a general strike in mourning, and in protest against the Zionist occupation.

Palestinian families living under this apartheid regime can never be certain of their safety or sanity. Israel raids Palestinian villages and cities almost every night. The cities of Jenin and Nablus, in particular, have been especially marred by Israeli violence this year.

This year alone, Israel has killed twenty-nine people in Jenin and a total of over sixty-five Palestinians. The United Nations report that the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank and East Jerusalem has increased by forty-six percent compared to last year.

We salute the bravery of those who continue to resist in the face of such ruthless violence. We reaffirm their right, as coded under international law, to wage armed struggle “for independence, territorial integrity, national unity, and liberation from colonial and foreign domination and foreign occupation.” We cannot rely upon the moral conscience of the Israeli state to bring an end to Zionism. Peace and justice will only prevail through the courage and determination of Palestinians who resist occupation through various means. Without struggle, there is no progress.

The time is long overdue for the world to support the Palestinian struggle – not just in words, but in actions as well. We call on governments, worker organisations, civil society and all other global institutions to unite behind Palestinians and support calls to end the illegal occupation, blockade, and expulsion of refugees. Institutional boycotts must be implemented to dismantle Israeli settler-colonialism and apartheid with immediate effect.

Long live the struggle for a liberated Palestine!

Long live the courageous spirit of Muhammed Azizi and Abdul Rahman Sobh!

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