Beirut International Forum for Resistance

Upon the initiative of the Center, the Communist Party, the People’s Movement, the National Unity Forum, the Network of Civil Organizations "Samidoun", in cooperation with parties, political forces, trade-unions, associations, intellectual, academic, political, cultural, and media figures from the different countries of the world, Beirut International Forum for Resistance was held on November 16, 2006, at UNESCO Palace, with the participation of a large crowd from the five continents and of delegations from 50 countries across the world.

The Forum aims at paying tribute to the resistance of the Lebanese population and to the heroism of Lebanon’s resistant people.

- Rejecting and condemning direct aggressions, i.e. against Lebanon, indirect aggressions, i.e. against Iraq and Palestine, and other aggressions within the larger circle targeting Iran and Syria and the security and the future of the whole region.
- Jointly examining the elements and plans of aggressions among the Lebanese and the international, Islamic and Arab forces, of all affiliations whatsoever, and coordinating altogether to anticipate their evolution and paralyze it.
- Encouraging global solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people in favor of their full national rights.
- Supporting the main Iraqi request for the withdrawal of the occupying forces.

Various politicians, academicians, and journalists attended the working sessions of the Forum which was distinguished by an intensive attendance throughout its sessions which extended over three days and were distributed around the following axes:

- The strategic axis and forms of resistance in the world, the Arab axis, the legal axis, the media axis, the axis of construction and reconstruction.
- In addition to intensified activities at the margin of the Forum, which have witnessed an unprecedented high participation.

The Forum reached in its final declaration the following recommendations:

- Constituting a permanent follow-up committee in order to build a collective global framework of solidarity.
- Developing increasing relationships between the leftist, democratic and nationalist movements and the resisting Islamic movements.
- Illustrating an intellectual and solidarity basis for the “rapprochement” between the resisting Islamic, nationalist, and leftist currents and organizations.

- Generalizing the culture of resistance and rejecting normalization and dependence to the American – Zionist alliance.

- Unveiling the American plan in Iraq and asserting support to the Iraqi resistance against the American occupation.

- Adopting the “large fronts” policies on the national and regional levels.

- Constituting an Arab conscience tribunal to sue the aggressive crimes and the genocide campaigns to which Palestinians and Iraqis are exposed.

- Condemning the Israeli and the American threats against the countries and the living forces of the region.

- Considering the possession by Israel of nuclear weapons as a source of permanent threat against the international and regional security and peace.

- Creating an international forum for human rights and the rights of peoples, attended by human rights experts from across the world, in cooperation with the Union of Arab Lawyers and the Arab Organization of Human Rights.

- Calling the Lebanese government to work on creating a special international tribunal for the crimes committed by the Israelis during their aggressions against Lebanon in summer 2006.

- Calling the Arab living forces to exert pressure on their governments to form an Arab Penal Court to sue Zionist criminals.

In addition to major media recommendations and those related to the elimination of the effects of July 2006 war and the possibility of reconstruction for 130 thousand residential and non-residential units all along the Lebanese territory.