## Special Issue

Palestinians Keeping Hope Alive



A airl stands behind the metal window covering of a building hit in the southern Gaza Strip on MOHAMMED ABED/AFP

> A Palestinian gunman fires in the air at the funeral of a man killed during an Israeli army military operation in Tulkarm on January MARCO LONGARI/AFP



Let's shift the focus back to the present. When discussing Zionism and its seemingly absurd ideology, there appears to be a sense that the US's unwavering support for Israel should have been reevaluated at some point. Is it fair to say that the world is finally realizing the absurdity of this unconditional support and that it's time for

it to stop? Or do you believe this

support will continue for a while

longer?

Well, US support is going to go on for a lot longer. But what is correct is that the pressures against that support, the opposition to that unconditional support, is growing very rapidly. It has already exceeded the bounds of anything we have previously seen. I mean, ever since I was a teenager, as soon as I learned about this, I've been in solidarity with Palestine, But it was really in 2009 when I actually became involved in it. And of course, that was the year of the book. 'We Will Not Be Silenced'. But since 2009, and even prior to that, I've never seen anything like what's taking place right

now in the United States, in Europe,

and of course, all around the world in the former Third World, Africa, Latin America, and, especially, the Middle East. There's always been rock-solid support for Palestinians, for the decolonization of Palestine, for Palestinian liberation, but I've never seen anything like what's taking place in the United States and in Western Europe right now.

So, there is great pressure to end unconditional US and Western support for Israel, but that's not going to have any effect in the short term, absolutely not, because you're trying to peel away at something that goes to the very core of US foreign policy establishment ever since the 1940s and, especially, since 1967.

What is going to happen, though, is that as this rock-solid support for Israel and, more generally, for interventionist and aggressive US foreign policv around the world is increasingly challenged, you're going to have more and more political crises in the United States. You're going to have the system continue losing its legitimacy. President Biden has already jeopardized his possibilities for reelection next November because he's lost so

much legitimacy due to his administration's association with genocide. Of course, the South African suit in the International Court of Justice is aggravating all of these contradictions.

## So, in essence, you're suggesting that there might be no hope for Palestine due to this undying sup-

It's very important what you're asking, but let me first say there most certainly is hope for Palestine. If I gave that impression, it is because, first, we have to make an objective analysis of what's going on. Then, we can have a political assessment of where the hope lies. There absolutely is hope for Palestine, and that's what I was trying to get at with the mass uprising here in the United States, the likes of which we've never seen in support and defense of Palestine and against genocide.

Secondly, we have to remember that even though Palestinians in Gaza are being subjected to genocide right now, the military resistance to the Israeli siege is quite significant. It's not clear that Israel is going to win the military battle. Even if it wins the

military battle, at what cost?

Ultimately, I want to make this point crystal clear: the source of all the hope for Palestine is the resistance of the Palestinians themselves. And I'm not just talking about Hamas, and I'm not just talking about the military resistance. Every single Palestinian with every single breath they take in Palestine is resisting the occupation, is resisting Zionism, is resisting genocide. That's where it starts. If Palestinians laid their hands down and said, "Oh, well, we've lost and we'll march to Jordan and to Egypt and elsewhere," sure, then there would be no hope. But Palestinians aren't doing that. It's Palestinians' steadfast resistance that sparks Israel to commit genocide, which, in turn, spurs solidarity with Palestine worldwide.

Right now, Israel and the United States are losing. They have lost the war of legitimation. They've lost legitimacy. Their policy, their practices, the genocide. They have lost legitimacy in world public opinion. They might temporarily be winning on the military battlefield, but they're losing on the political battlefield. So, there is a lot of hope here.

Now, something else may take place. We are seeing plenty of resistance in the West Bank, but we haven't seen a full-scale Intifada yet. But the pressure is building. The West Bank is under complete siege, and resistance there is growing. But if this breaks out into an all-out Intifada, and if Palestinians inside Israel are pressured to the point where they join an Intifada, then you would have another change in the political-military equation or, at least, the political correlation of forces in the political equation.

The battle for legitimacy has already been lost by the Zionists and by Washington, and there most certainly is hope for Palestine. The role of us, who are not Palestinian and not directly struggling inside Palestine, is to step up our support for Palestinian freedom in every way possible because what's at stake in Palestine right now is all of humanity. The Palestinian resistance has become a symbol that has touched a raw nerve all around the world because we see ourselves in it, and this crisis imposed on us by global capitalism is reflected in what's happening in Palestine.

## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE Invitation for one stage Bidding

Islamic Republic of Iran **FARS Six Cities Sanitation Improvement Project** Invitation for Procurement of:

DESIGN, BUILD AND OPERATION OF NEYRIZ WASTE WATER

Second Announcement نوبت دوم

IsDB Financing No. IRN-0107 The Government of Islamic Republic of Iran has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) towards the cost of the Fars Six Cities Sanitation Improvement Project, and it intends to apply part

The Fars Water and Wastewater Company (FWWC) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Procurement of: DESIGN, BUILD AND OPERATE NEYRIZ WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT as described in the following table:

**Description of Package** City Design, Build, Commissioning and Operation of Neyriz Wastewater Treatment Plant with capacity 9,400 M3/day

of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contracts for Neyriz wastewater treatment plant.

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures using Post-Qualification as specified in the IsDB's Guidelines for the Procurement of Goods, Works and Related Services under IsDB Project Financing (April 2019), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guideline and Bidding Documents. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.18 -21 setting forth IsDB's policy on conflict of interest.

Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents from the Fars Water & Wastewater Company (address below) as from the date of SPN Publication.

A complete set of the Bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Applicants (a) on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 40,000,000 Iranian Rials for each package. The method of payment will be direct deposit to Account No. 0111930032008, Bank Saderat Iran, Payment ID No. 13132990014005, in the name of Fars Water and Wastewater Company. Applicants can get the Bidding documents from Fars Water and Wastewater Company upon receipt of the cash deposit as indicated above.

All bids accompanied by a bid security must be submitted in sealed envelopes, and delivered to the address below no later than 10:30 a.m. 21/April/2024 (02/02/1403).

The Bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. on 21/April /2024 (02/02/1403) in the presence of bidders' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned

## The payment security to participate in the work process:

72,316,000,000 I.R.Rial (Seventy -two billion three hundred sixteen million Iranian Rials)

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Fars Water and Wastewater Company (FWWC)



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شماره اعتبار سرمایه بانک توسعه اسلامی: IRN-0107

دولت جمهوری اسلامی ایران اعتباری از بانک توسعه اسلامی (IsDB) جهت اجرای پروژه ارتقای بهداشت ۶ شهر استان فارس دریافت داشته و در نظر دارد بخشی از این اعتبار را بهمنظور پرداختهای قراردادهای احداث تصفیهخانههای فاضلاب شهرهای مربوطه به مصرف برساند. شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس هم اکنون از پیشنهادات لاک و مهر شده پیمانکاران واجد صلاحیت جهت تهیه طراحی، ساخت و بهرهبرداری تصفیه خانه فاضلاب شهر نی ریز که در جدول زیر تشریح شده است، دعوت میکند.

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مناقصه از طریق فر آیند پس ارزیابی تعیین شده در ادستور العمل تأمین کالا و اجرای کار ابانک توسعه اسلامی (آوریل ۲۰۱۹) بر ای مناقصه رقابتی داخلی (NCB) انجام خواهد شد و در دسترس تمامی پیشنهاددهندگان از شرکتهای واجد شرایط بنحوی که در دستورالعمل بانک مذکور تعریف شده، می باشد. علاوه بر این، لطفاً به یار اگر اف ۱٫۱۸ –۲۱ که سیاست IsDB را در مورد تعارض منافع ارائه میدهد، مراجعه کنید. متقاضیان علاقهمند واجد شرایط میتوانند برای بررسی و کسب اطلاعات بیشتر، اسناد مناقصه را در ساعات اداری از شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس به آدرس زیر از تاریخ انتشار آگهی دریافت نمایند. متقاضيان مى توانند مجموعه اى كامل از اسناد مناقصه به زبان انگليسى و فارسى (نسخه فارسى صر فأجهت اطلاع) ر ا با در خواست کتبی در مقابل پرداخت ۴۰/۰۰۰/۰۰۰ ریال (غیرقابل برگشت) برای هر بسته خریداری نمایند. نحوه پرداخت بهصورت واریز مستقیم وجه بهحساب شماره ۸۰۰۳۰۰۰ ۱۱۱۹۳۰۰ بانک صادرات به شناسه پرداخت ۱۳۱۳۲۹۹۰۰۱۴۰۰۵ بهنام شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس میباشد. متقاضیان میتوانند اسناد مناقصه را از شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس در قبال ارائه رسید پرداخت وجه یاد شده دریافت نمایند. کلیه پیشنهادات همراه با ضمانتنامه شرکت در مناقصه باید در پاکتهای مهر و موم شده حداکثر تا ساعت ه۳۰: مبح روز دوم اردیبهشت ۱۴۰۳ (۲۱ آوریل ۲۰۲۴) به آدرس زیر تحویل داده شود.

پیشنهادها از ساعت ۱۰:۳۰ صبح روز دوم اردیبهشت ۱۴۰۳ (۲۱ آوریل ۲۰۲۴) با حضور نمایندگانی که از طرف پیشنهاد دهندگان انتخاب میشوند، در آدرس زیر باز گشایی خواهند شد. پیشنهاداتی که دیرتر از زمان تعیین شده ار سال گردند، باز نشده عودت داده خواهد شد.

مبلغ تشمین برای شرکت در فرآیند اجرای کار: ۲۲٬۳۱۶٬۰۰۰،۰۰۰ ریال (هفتاد و دو میلیارد سیصد و شانز ده میلیون ریال)

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