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Editorial

Twelcome to the first edition of WFDY Bulletin for 2010. This year is promising to be a very busy year for the Federation and all the organizations spread across the globe. The tone for the year will be set out during the General Council Meeting to take place in Lebanon from 5-8 February 2010. Its also official that on the sidelines of the GC Meeting the much awaited decision on the host of the 17th World Festival of Youth and Students will be made. This issue will also highlight on the Congress of Edon which took place in Cyprus from 2-4 January 2010. As the youth struggle to ensure the total



liberation and the solving of the issue, the delegates gathered and expressed their solidarity with the people of Cyprus.

In December WFDY attended the 7th Congress of UJSARIO which took place in the refugee camp of Ausred. The agents of imperialism are having sleepless nights to ensure that the people of Sahara are under hostile conditions

This issue will also drive you to East Asia where the comrades of DNYF held their congress and

successfully elected the new leadership to take over the reins of power and continue the struggles against imperialism.

This bulletin will also highlight on the wall being constructed by the Egypt government.

As 2010 promises to be a busy year we advise fellow comrades to remain focused on our struggles against imperialism, racism, xenophobia, illegal occupation and wars amongst other issues. So enjoy this edition.



International News

Egypt choks Gaza

Despite the deep social, cultural and historical ties between the people of Palestine and the people of Egypt, the Egyptian government is involving in a dirty role in the blockade against Gaza. Egypt has only been complementing the role of Israel in chocking the Palestinians in Gaza by preventing any form of support whether it is food or fuel or building materials to go inside that district.

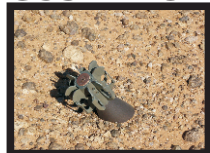
Since several years, a wall was built between Egypt and Gaza to prevent smugglers from getting anything inside their, where the police controlled one entry point that put great difficulties on any kind of trade and passage of goods.

The will of the people was stronger and they built underground tunnels which succeeded in providing enough food and supplements from the Egyptian side of the border for the people to live. However, to continue its criminal blockade, Egypt now is starting an underground concrete wall that will go 30 meters deep to prevent the people from smuggling their needs through underground tunnels. This policy is literally designed to chock the people of Gaza and make them die of hunger and lack of medicaments.

People of Gaza will survive despite this blockade above and under the ground, and they will find their ways to live and also to resist against Israeli occupation and against the Egyptian blockade.



UJSARIO Western Sahara Congress



The Congress of UJSARIO successfully took place in the Willaya (refugee camp) of Ausered on 5-8 December 2009. WFDY participated together with several other organizations. The leadership of POLISARIO present also commended WFDY for the continued solidarity for the youth and people of Western Sahara.

Apart from the Congress and WFDY Africa regional meeting several cultural programmes were lined during the days of the congress. All international delegates slammed the illegal occupation of Saharawi land and therefore called on both the UN as the guarantee of the peace process, the African Union as the responsible organ in the continent and Spain as the former colonizer to urgently intervene and ensure the liberation of the last colony of the African continent.

That being the case, several visits were made to wall of shame deliberately constructed by the Moroccans as a way to continue their occupation of Western Sahara. Gross human rights abuses continue to take place in both the occupied and the freed territories thus undermining the sovereignty of the people of Sahara.

In a communiqué produced at the end of the meeting WFDY issued a statement calling upon youths of the world to continue their solidarity with the Saharawi people and continue to expose the double standards of Casablanca.

WFDY History

The 13th World Festival of Youth and Students - Pyongyang, DPRK - 1989

For the first time, one Asian country hosted the World Youth Festival, With 22.000 participants from 177 countries around the world, under the Slogan: "For Anti-imperialist Solidarity, Peace and Friendship". The Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea was the country elected, and Pyongyang as a capital, prepared all the matter in order to host to all youth delegates from 1 to 8 of July. The youth around the world expressed their gratitude with that fraternal solidarity gesture.

The opening ceremony at the Olympic stadium of Pyongyang was huge. The youth of DPRK with discipline and organization showed to all foreign delegates the best feeling of peoples. In the middle of the stadium they created a big slogan in Korean language like "Korea is One", beside to represent as a symbol of the Korean Peninsula. Kim Il Sung was in the opening ceremony.



WFDY Activities

EDON Cyprus Congress

From the 2nd to the 6th of January, WFDY and several international delegations attended the Congress of EDON Cyprus, in Nicosia.

The Congress had the presence of nearly one thousand delegates coming from all parts of Cyprus and it strongly discussed the ways for the Cypriot youth to work and struggle for the so long waited reunification of the island (divided since the Turkish occupation in 1974).

Among several distinguished guests, also comrade Demetris Christophias, President of the Republic of Cyprus, had the opportunity to salute the delegates and remaining guests. Another relevant aspect was the presence of several Turkish-Cypriot organizations, that showed their support to the reunification of the island as common wish with the

comrades of EDON.

In the sidelines of the Congress, there was still room for an international seminar about climate change and the role of imperialism plundering the earth resources and putting at risk mankind itself.



DNYF Nepal VII Conference

DNYF, Nepal has successfully concluded its 7th National Conference from 26-29 December, 2009 in Lahan, Kathmandu. The congress was inaugurated by Com. Jhalanath Khanal, the president of Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist and Leninist), among the large mass rally of around fifty thousand people. Speaking as a chief guest, comrade Khanal elaborated the cause of current political impasse in the country saying that the youth have to play the crucial role to establish a truly left and democratic movement in the country tackling both ultra Maoist dogma and right wing dangers in the country.

In the inaugural ceremony WFDY has expressed the greeting message for the success of conference, together with other foreign delegates. The greeting message from more than 25 organizations from different part of the world had conveyed to a mass in the inaugural session.

The Conference was participated by 1470 delegates from all over country. In the closing session, comrade Ishwor Pokharel, the General Secretary of CPN-UML made an instructional speech on political turmoil in the country and party position to tackle the situation. The conference has replaced the name 'Youth Federation, Nepal' instead of 'Democratic National Youth Federation, Nepal'. The conference has made new leadership.



On the road to the 17th WFYS!

In the framework of the previous activities in order to decide the new host of the XVII World Festival of Youth and Student (WFYS), according with the mandate given by all organizations that participated in the last CC held in Paris, France, WFDY's HQ, visited South Africa and Ecuador, in both countries we met with the principal leaderships of youth and organizations, and with the some leaders of the government.



The ANC Youth League and the Young Communist of Ecuador sent to WFDY HQ, the official letter in order to request the host of the XVII WFYS, with the support of their government. We should recognize that in both case the answers in order to WFDY's HQ was able in order to carry out the CC mandate and they give to WFDY's delegations all the support in order to achieve all our aims and verify in every country if really they have all the conditions in order to make the XVII Festival, we got information that permitted to WFDY Delegations to fulfill the expectative that we had before the travel and to check that in both case they have good conditions that to allow to host XVII WFYS, as great world antimperialist youth meeting, that able to meet thousands youth peoples from around the world.

Both request confirm more than ever that the progressive youth never will resign in order to meet and to discuss, about our mains problems and how we continues our struggler in order to defeat the imperialism, and to reaffirm the great moment of the Festival Movement, in a moment with a deep economical crisis of the capitalism and where progressive youth need to find a way in order to allow to keep our struggle against imperialism, we are sure that in the next General Council that



take place in Lebanon, all the WFDY's member organizations that will be there will be able to choose from both proposal that are excellent, the best option that to be according with the historical moment, that we face every days.