

# CPA (M-L) Statement on the Gaza convoy

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**The Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist) condemns the illegal and violent assault by the Israeli state in sending armed commandos to attack the peaceful convoy of ships bringing humanitarian aid to the suffering inhabitants of Gaza.**

We express our admiration and support for this courageous international solidarity action with the Palestinian people, as well as our sorrowful anger for the martyrs and injured victims of Israeli aggression.

The government of Israel launched its attack out of fear that its inhuman blockade of Gaza would be broken and that the struggles of the Palestinian people against the Israeli occupation would be strengthened by further evidence of international support.

It had nothing to do with 'weapons'. Far from deflecting international criticism of Israel's brutal apartheid policies, it has only ensured that the blockade of Gaza will remain a key issue and that similar attempts will continue to be made.

As stated in an article just published in the monthly paper, *Vanguard*, "In its arrogance, the Israeli government thinks that violence and military power will solve all its problems, but that hasn't worked with the Palestinians and it won't work with the rest of the world either."

US imperialism also stands condemned by its vote in the UN Human Rights Commission against an independent investigation of the Israeli attack by the United Nations.

As the sponsor, protector and military supplier of the racist Israeli regime, US imperialism has to share the blame for all the crimes committed by the Israeli terrorist regime in Gaza, the West Bank and on the high seas.

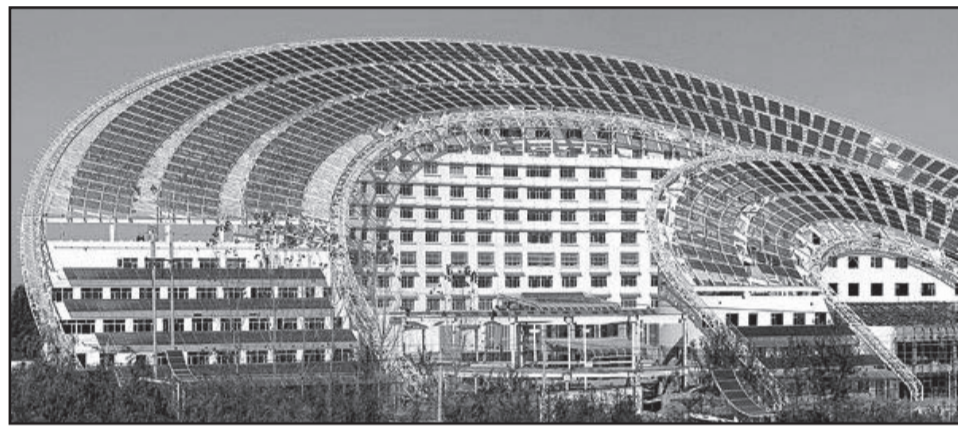
Once again the courageous actions

of ordinary people have inspired millions of supporters of the Palestinian people and have shown the power of international solidarity.

Victory to the people of Palestine!

Victory to international solidarity!

## China leads the world in clean renewable energy



"Sun and Moon" solar array in China

by *Bill F.*

**China is leading the world in the amount of clean energy investment, especially wind and solar, which is rapidly overtaking coal as the main source of energy generation.**

China is often condemned for poorly regulated and unsafe coal mines where accidents kill and injure many workers each year. China also has many older coal-fired power stations which belch out greenhouse gases and add to global warming.

While these features are true enough and reflect the problems of past history, poverty and under-development, China is trying to turn the situation around by investing heavily in clean renewable energy sources.

In a report titled *Who's Winning the Clean Energy Race?* the US-based Pew Environment Group revealed that "China invested \$34.6 billion in the clean energy economy – nearly double the United States' total of \$18.6 billion".

In global terms, the report found that clean energy investments have increased 230 percent since 2005, amounting to \$162 billion by 2009 and rising to \$200 billion in 2010. China now leads all G20 countries in the scale and scope of its investments in renewable energy.

According to the Earth Policy Institute, the consumption of fossil fuels in China has increased in the period of China's economic expansion.

For example, coal consumption doubled between 2002 and 2008, while natural gas consumption has tripled in

the same period and oil consumption has increased by 7%.

However, "wind energy in China has grown nearly 10 times faster than fossil fuel consumption, expanding from less than 500 megawatts of capacity in 2002 to over 12,000 megawatts in 2008.

"The exponential growth of China's wind energy sector is expected to continue, with major projects moving forward including the Wind Base program's seven mega-complexes, each with a capacity of 10,000 to 30,000 megawatts. Once built, they will together exceed the entire world's wind generating capacity at the start of 2008.

"These ambitious projects are just scratching the surface; a study published in the journal *Science* calculates that China could generate more than seven times its current electricity consumption from the wind alone".

Similarly, the production of solar photovoltaic panels, at the moment mainly for export, has seen China become the world's number one producer. As costs fall and personal incomes rise, this will lead to more domestic solar installations, with plans for a 2,000 megawatt project in the Mongolian desert.

Whatever other problems it has, China is able to take these significant steps to tackle with clean energy production because it has sovereign control over its resources and economy, as well as a clear policy direction on global warming issues.

Australia, dominated by the interests of foreign imperialism, has neither sovereign control nor policy direction.

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