

Free Mordechai Vanunu!

On 30 September 1993 the Bolshevik Tendency (BT) participated in a demonstration in front of the Israeli consulate in Toronto demanding the release of Mordechai Vanunu. Vanunu has spent the last seven years in jail for the “crime” of revealing the extent of the Zionist nuclear arsenal. The demonstration, marking the anniversary of Vanunu’s imprisonment, occurred a few weeks after representatives of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the Israeli state signed a “peace” agreement, an event alluded to by a number of speakers. A speaker for the BT made the following remarks to the rally:

“The Bolshevik Tendency joins with you in demanding the immediate, unconditional release of Mordechai Vanunu who, for the past seven years, has been the prisoner of the Zionist state of Israel. Mordechai Vanunu is no criminal. He was jailed for acting in the interests of all the

workers and oppressed peoples of the Middle East, both Jewish and Arab, as well as in the interests of working people around the world. He is a victim of capitalist injustice, and one of the many victims of Zionist state repression.

“Of course the main historical victim of the Israeli state has been the Palestinian people who were forcibly driven from their homes and scattered about the region more than forty years ago. The so-called ‘peace plan’ signed a few weeks ago is a travesty of justice and represents a new betrayal of Palestinian national rights.

“On this day, as we honor Mordechai Vanunu and call for the release from jail of this heroic man, we of the Bolshevik Tendency remember that peace and justice for the Palestinians and all others oppressed by the Israeli state can only come through working-class unity and a united revolutionary struggle to explode the Zionist citadel from within.”