

village or part of a city; and work-place leagues, responsible for the work-place cells active in a factory, work-place, some profession or among students. The league has the important functions of executing the plans and programs put for the territorial or functional unit where its sphere of influence lies. It carries out its obligations through its own men who are usually responsible for directing the affairs of the basic units. Because of the strict system of vertical linkage to which the Arab Nationalists Movement subscribes, the cells cannot communicate with one another directly. The league provides such a medium of communication between the basic units.<sup>11</sup>

The "Section" which is next on the organizational ladder of the ANM is the unit responsible for organizing and co-ordinating the work of the league active in a city or a geographical area such as the Middle Euphrates in Iraq or North Lebanon. As in the case of the lower units, it is usually composed of three to seven members. These members are appointed by the "Command of the Region". The leagues cannot communicate with each other without the medium of the Section because of the above-mentioned system of vertical linkage. The Section provides such channels of communications through its members who are usually the cadres responsible for supervising the leagues. The Section is also entrusted with the important function of approving the admittance of new members to the Movement.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup>ANM, "Mafahim tanzimiya", op. cit., pp. 3-5.

<sup>12</sup>Ibid., pp. 5-7.