

No to Appointments

Twenty-seven nationalist leaders and associations in occupied Palestine signed the following memorandum and sent copies to the UN, the Arab League and the PNC's legitimate president Khaled Fahoum.

The signing of the Amman agreement between the Jordanian regime and the PLO leadership on February 11th, was an advanced step on the part of the PLO leadership towards being fully involved in the US-Zionist-reactionary solution. In this agreement, the PLO leadership relinquished the PLO's sole representation of the Palestinian people, and their basic national rights which have been recognized by the world community and the UN.

After this agreement was signed, the so-called iron fist policy was tightened against our people in the occupied homeland. Under the so-called law of administrative detention, the military authorities have arrested scores of our people. Some of them have been deported. The authorities have stepped up their repressive measures by putting several cities and towns under curfew, and demolishing scores of homes. The Zionist authorities have practiced the most degrading and horrible humiliation against civilians in the streets. This is an attempt to break the will of the people and force them, through a combination of terror, oppression and psychological warfare, to submit to what is being planned for them in the conspiratory Arab capitals, and to accept the deviating PLO leadership which has not stopped offering concessions at the expense of our national rights.

The Israeli air raid against the PLO leadership's headquarters in Tunis, the highjacking of the Italian ship and the US piracy against the Egyptian plane, were used as pretexts for cancelling the proposed meeting between the British foreign minister and the Palestinian representatives in the joint delegation. All this was used to pressure the deviating leadership of the PLO to make more concessions, recognizing resolutions 242 and 338, and renouncing armed struggle. This pressure took the form of blackmail, that if the PLO leadership does not give in to these demands, it will

be excluded completely from the settlement negotiations. These negotiations intend to liquidate the Palestinian cause through some deviators and conspirators who are not representative of our people, and who will give in to all the demands of the enemy camp.

Hussein's speech at the UN, and his interviews and press releases, blend with the US settlement plan and the Peres initiative at the UN. Hussein's speech is not far removed from the US-Israeli view of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the means for dealing with it. The plans of Hussein and Peres are but a new link towards achieving the US-Zionist project that aims at tightening the grip of US imperialism in the region, ignoring all principles of peace and justice. US imperialism ignores world opinion and tries to exclude the Soviet Union, the friend and ally of the Palestinian people and the Arab nation.

In the light of the above, we would like to stress the following:

First: We refuse the Amman agreement and all its deviating consequences, trends and means. This agreement ignores the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and an independent state; it ignores the PLO's right to represent the Palestinian people, and the 16th PNC's resolutions.

Second: We emphasize Palestinian national unity on the basis of confronting all liquidationist plans, and that the PLO is the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Third: We refuse all attempts at pressure and political blackmail practiced against our people by the parties to the US-Israeli-reactionary conspiracy. We refuse the pressure represented in the Peres initiative that ignores all Palestinian national rights which have been stressed in UN resolutions, first and foremost our right to self-determination and an independent state.

Fourth: We stress the necessity of a Syrian-Palestinian-Lebanese nationalist alliance. We consider this alliance one of the main nationalist tasks to be achieved at this stage. This is especially true considering the exposure of attempts to ignite the Lebanese arena, to be used as a pressure against the Arab confrontation camp. These

attempts aim to foil the struggle of the triangle of steadfastness against the imperialist plan, especially after the cancellation of the May 17th accord, and after assurances have been given concerning the Palestinian people's right to existence, security and struggle in Lebanon, through their revolutionary nationalist vanguard which represents the vanguard of the Arab national liberation movement in its central cause.

Fifth: We condemn and refuse all the suspicious moves in the occupied land, including the moves that aim at imposing non-nationalist solutions to the question of municipalities, reducing this patriotic issue to a question of providing daily services. These moves deliberately ignore the necessity of adhering to the national position of the municipalities that have refused all the liquidationist projects of the occupation: 'autonomy', 'civil' administration and the latest suspicious moves of the lobby of 28. The lobby of 28 is a Palestinian-Jordanian lobby established to support the liquidationist Amman agreement. It calls for the arrangement of internal matters, i.e., universities, institutions, schools and trade unions, in a way that would complement the anticipated results of the capitulationist program.

Sixth: We refuse and condemn the iron fist policy practiced against our people and citizens everywhere, especially in the Israeli prisons. We call on the Arab and international public to expose these oppressive, racist actions and stop them immediately. We call on our people, all Arab states and national and progressive forces, and all our international friends and allies, first and foremost the Soviet Union and the socialist community, to join us in confronting this US-Zionist-reactionary attack that aims at keeping the Arab region under US influence. We must confront this in order to foil the criminal project for liquidating the Palestinian cause and attacking the nationalist and progressive forces in the Lebanese arena.

We are confident that our heroic Palestinian people, together with the nationalist and progressive forces, and all the forces of progress and goodness in the world, are capable of defeating this hegemonic invasion. Our people,