

with struggle and sacrifices, are able to confront the conditions imposed. Then, our people will be able to impose the implementation of the resolutions about their legitimate national rights to self-determination and an independent state, as stated in the UN resolutions and the resolutions of the 16th PNC. We have unlimited faith that history is watching our people's striving for liberation, independence and peace. We are confident of the struggling people's ability and will to achieve their legitimate national rights, because victory is their destiny.

#### Signatories

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7. Higher Committee for Volunteer Work
8. Union of Palestinian Working Women's Committees
10. Progressive Front for Trade Union Action
11. Waheed Hamdallah, elected mayor of Anabta
12. Mamoun Al Sayed, former editor-in-chief of *Al Fajr*
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## Yellow Journalism

### To Silence the Palestinian Press

Palestinian journalism in the occupied homeland is currently being subjected to rapid attempts by the Jordanian regime and the Zionist authorities, to control it and silence its nationalist voices. Sources in the occupied territories point out that the Jordanian regime's puppets have presented a request to the Zionist authorities to establish a daily newspaper that would express their opinion.

Othman Hallaq, one of the pro-Jordanians, said: «We have received encouraging signs from the Israelis and they promised us a permit...Not a single newspaper in the West Bank supports the moderate line or Jordan...We want a newspaper that would defend the principle of land for peace.» Hallaq mentioned that the newspaper would be established as a corporation, and that he had requested investment from Jordan.

Rafael Levi, Israeli Interior Ministry official, in charge of issuing newspaper permits, said that he is considering the request positively and a final decision is expected in two weeks.

In the meantime, the occupation authorities confiscated the November 29th (Palestine Day) issues of four Jerusalem newspapers: *Al Quds*, *Al Fajr*, *Al Shaab*, *Al Mithaq*. The

authorities claimed this move was to make sure that the editors would abide by censorship regulations. It is known that the occupation authorities impose strict censorship on Palestinian newspapers. They have previously closed a number of newspapers and magazines, and arrested and deported a number of journalists.

The request for opening this newspaper coincides with the Jordanian regime's attempts to bolster its position in the West Bank, in order to create a situation enabling unilateral negotiations with the Zionist enemy. It corresponds to the Zionists' arrest and deportation campaign and the widespread arrests carried out by the regime in Jordan. It comes right after the appointment of Thafer al Masri as mayor of Nablus.

This Jordanian move to create an organ of yellow journalism is actually an attempt to silence the Palestinian nationalist press in the occupied land. In the last decades, this press has played an important role in mobilizing the Palestinian masses against the enemy's projects of Judaization, Camp David and 'autonomy'. The undeclared Jordanian-Israeli coordination in attacking the Palestinian press is an attempt to prevent the nationalist newspapers from exposing the conspiracy being engineered in Amman and Tel Aviv. In



Mastheads of censored Palestinian dailies «Al Mithaq» and «Al Talia»

addition, it aims to provide a forum for confusing public opinion. The attempt to replace Palestinian nationalist journalism with yellow journalism is part of the Jordanian regime's efforts to fully control the position of the PLO and the Palestinians under occupation, in order to push forward the liquidationist solution.