



Mass Rally

Commemorating the Naharia Operation The Requirements of National Unity

On August 21st, the 40th day after the Naharia operation carried out by four militants from the PFLP and the Syrian Social Nationalist Party (SSNP), the PFLP organized a mass rally in Yarmouk camp, Damascus. The rally was attended by leaders and cadres of the Palestinian resistance and the Arab national liberation movement, and families of those martyred in the operation. The main speakers were: Comrade Abu Ali Mustafa, Deputy General Secretary of the PFLP; Comrade Isam Mahayree, President of the SSNP; Comrade Mohammed Nour Al Deen of POLISARIO; and the father of one of the martyrs, Khalil Atif Khattab. Below we print the speech of Comrade Abu Ali Mustafa.

SPEECH BY COMRADE ABU ALI MUSTAFA

We are not gathered here today to cry, but to commemorate our honorable militants and to pledge to continue the struggle. This is our people, our Arab nation, sacrificing one martyr after the other with pride. We will not hesitate, despite all the conspiracies and the cries to surrender. We will be steadfast until achieving victory.

Words cannot describe the meaning of martyrdom, especially when it comes as the result of a conscious decision. On behalf of the PFLP's Central Committee and Politbureau, we salute the heroes of the Naharia operation. We salute their relatives for their high morale upon learning of their sons' martyrdom; they were proud despite their pain.

Our martyrs have joined many others on the path to the same goal. Martyr Mohammed Mahmoud Kana'a from Aleppo, Syria, joined Ghassan Kanafani of Acca, Palestine. Martyr Abdul Ilah Shahab joined Guevara of Gaza. Martyr Abdul Hadi Kathem joined Faheem Abu Ghazalah, the hero of all battles. Martyr Khalil Atif Khattab from Ain Al Zaytoun, joined Abu Mansour, the hero of the Hebron (Al Khalil) mountains. Martyrdom continues for the same goal, despite time, space and generations.

Today we also commemorate our Moroccan martyr, who embodied the true people of Morocco, not like Hassan II, the traitor. Martyr Muhammar Al Arabi Ibn Qadour joined his comrades, the four heroes of the Naharia operation, four days later, when Israeli planes raided a PFLP position (in Lebanon). He challenged the Zionist bombers with his will, while Hassan II falls before the shoes of Peres. He symbolizes the struggle, while Hassan represents capitulation.

The Naharia operation was not the first and won't be the last. It has great significance at this decisive stage of the struggle between the revolution and the capitulationist trend. Firstly, it showed the militant spirit confronting the capitulationist trend. Secondly, it negated the Zionist enemy's claims of having destroyed the base of the Palestinian revolution, which was one of their goals in the 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Thirdly, it confirmed Palestinian-Lebanese unity and continuity in the struggle, at a time when some suspicious voices are calling for separating the Lebanese national struggle from the Palestinian struggle, under the pretext of guaranteeing security in the South. Fourth, the Naharia operation foiled the enemy plans for protecting the Zionist enemy from the operations of the Lebanese and Palestinian national resistance, by installing a security belt in the South. Above all, it indicates the escalation of armed struggle as the only way to achieve victory and the goals of our people.