

PLO to the position that enabled our people and revolution to make great achievements. On the other hand, we will not be obstructive or limited in our horizons, and turn our backs on national unity, for we want to strengthen the confrontation of the US-Zionist-Arab reactionary plan.

What then is the correct course to present to our people and to our Arab and international allies. The answer is clarity and reform that will strengthen the structure of the PLO. A chronic disease cannot be treated with aspirin. An operation may be painful, but it will alleviate the disease. At the minimum, the self-evident national issues, as specified in the PNC's resolutions, cannot be tampered with, but the right-wing leadership has deviated from these very resolutions. What we are demanding - and some call it an obstacle to unity - is commitment to the PNC's resolutions. The Amman accord is a deviation from the PNC's resolutions; so are relations with the Egyptian regime and collaborating with suspicious elements in the occupied territories, and the other matters noted in our politbureau's statement of August 10th.

We challenge anyone to prove that what we are asking for, as the basis for political and organizational unity, is a violation of the PNC's resolutions. Despite all the developments in the Palestinian arena since 1982, we have not violated the PNC's resolutions. Therefore, we insist that the right-wing leadership give one positive sign - announcing cancellation of the Amman accord signed by Arafat and King Hussein - to show their willingness to review their miserable policies that have harmed the PLO and our cause.

Some are circulating accusations in their political meetings that the PFLP is putting impossible conditions for dialogue, referring to our demand for cancelling the Amman accord before dialogue. They add that our position is such because we are submitting to certain pressures. We don't have to answer these baseless claims. The Palestinian and Arab masses know well that the PFLP bases its positions on the Palestinian people's national interests, adherence to the Arab masses' national causes, and faithfulness to our martyrs who died to protect the Palestinian people and revolution. We have gone through worse battles before, and we submitted only to our own convictions, based on the interests of our people. We have never hesitated when we felt issues were vital to our people and cause, even if a high price was extracted for our positions. This is our policy, our political line, and we need no testimony to defend our position.

Maybe the rightist leadership, and those who promote its policies by attempting to distort the PFLP's position, again want to test the independence of our position. Then we will tell them: We want to test your seriousness about cancelling the Amman accord. We want to test your willingness to review your policies that caused the PLO's deterioration. Then you can test us and see for yourselves that we will not evade our responsibilities. Our people will be our judge. They will decide if our decision is independent or if we submit to others.

If the right-wing leadership takes one step in the right direction towards national unity, we will take two. But if they are hesitant and cowardly, and keep jumping from Amman to Cairo, then the only response they will get from us is a solid position that gives no cover for their policies.

The PFLP's politbureau feels the great responsibility of the issue of national unity, and defines the requirements for this accordingly. In our view, the first stage is for the rightist leadership to cancel the Amman accord that was a turning point on the road of deviation. The next step is to open dialogue on the political and organizational basis of national unity. If the results of the dialogue are positive, we will then go on to the third step which is comprehensive national dialogue, among all organizations, with topics including the formation of a unifying PNC.

The question now is: What is the real threat to the national cause and the PLO? It is the implementation of Camp David, which is already in process, on the basis of normalizing relations between Jordan and 'Israel', to be followed by signing an agreement. Don't we all agree that Jordan represents the new gate to Camp David? Isn't national unity most needed now to confront this threat in particular?

The PLO Executive Committee statement, issued in Baghdad on August 10th, spoke of the Jordanian regime's

liquidation plan and that the US administration and 'Israel' are working jointly on an economic aid plan for the 1967 occupied territories. What is the role of the Jordanian regime? Is our problem with this regime merely that it closed down PLO offices and expelled Abu Jihad? Isn't it rather the sum of all the regime's policies for implementing Camp David II?

Yet until now, the right-wing PLO leadership is avoiding even talking about the Jordanian regime's responsibility for this role in the US-Zionist plan of capitulation. How, then, can they be serious about restoring the PLO's unity based on commitment to the national program and PNC resolutions? Despite this, we are still demanding that this leadership take one brave step, but they still insist on continuing their policies. We do not feel there is any real difference between the reactionaries, whether Mubarak or Hussein, but the rightist leadership insists on alternating relations with these two.

CURRENT TASKS

In addition to restoring the PLO's unity, we have other urgent tasks, most importantly, defending our revolution and people, and consolidating their role in the occupied territories. A part of this task is exposing suspicious elements who claim to represent the Palestinian people. We feel it is important to repair the gaps in the Lebanese-Palestinian-Syrian alliance in order to consolidate it. Another task is consolidating Palestinian armed presence in Lebanon, on a correct basis, that will protect the right of the Palestinian people to play their national role, for as long as we insist on carrying arms, we will insist on rejecting the settlement plans.

The war of the camps has been waged against us twice, on the pretext of purging the camps of Arafat's group, but actually for political reasons. If this continues, it will threaten the Palestinian and Lebanese national existence, and it will be difficult to confront the fascist forces and the Israeli occupation of the South.

The Palestine National Salvation Front proposed a plan for organizing Palestinian-Lebanese relations. This was approved by all the nationalist forces in Lebanon, but then war was waged against the camps again. After every agreement, there has been a war, instead of nationalist relations improving. Some said that the second war was between the Cairo agreement and resolution 425, meaning a war between the Palestinian national armed presence and the guarantees to 'Israel' for implementing resolution 425. This is the reality of the war being waged against the camps. Are the nationalists going to accept this? If these deeds are allowed to pass, all nationalists will pay the price. Moreover, the whole national plan for Lebanon will fall in the face of Israeli hegemony.

We insist that Palestinian-Lebanese relations be organized on the basis of the approved paper, in order to restore Lebanon to its role in confronting the imperialist-Zionist plans and the Phalangists' fascist plan. We will not barter the Palestinian national presence. Our arms are part of the Lebanese national arms. We fought fascism together; we fought 'Israel' together; and we will fight the US plan and Israeli occupation together until the total liberation of Lebanon and Palestine. This is our right.

Another task is reactivating the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front, and the role of the Arab liberation movements in Morocco, Egypt, Jordan and every Arab country. It is important that they shoulder responsibility for confronting the conspiracy.

This is how we analyze the confrontation process on the Palestinian and Arab levels. Our analysis is congruent with the analysis of our international allies, concerning the necessity of the PLO's unity and the unity of the countries of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front. On this occasion, we salute our brothers in Algeria for their initiative that shows their interest in regaining the PLO's unity. At the same time, we note the great concern of the Soviet Union and the socialist community about achieving this on the basis of a nationalist Palestinian-Syrian alliance, to confront the enemies' plans. We are ready to respond positively to these concerns of our allies, but the subjective factor is the crucial one. It is the strong, correct Palestinian position and struggle that give incentive to our allies to play their role in defending the PLO, the revolution and the national program.