

The Amman Accord Must Be Officially Cancelled

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High-level delegations from the PFLP and the PCP met late in October to discuss the latest and most prominent developments on the Palestinian and Arab levels. On the Palestinian level, both parties noted the escalation of the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary conspiracies against the Palestinian national cause and the PLO. They also noted the increasing interest of Palestinian nationalists in restoring the PLO's unity in order to confront all conspiracies threatening the future of the Palestinian national struggle.

The parties discussed at length the dangers of the Jordanian-Israeli coordination in the division of functions plan for the occupied territories. The Jordanian 'development' plan, the reopening of branches of the Jordanian banks in the occupied West Bank, and the appointment of pro-Jordanian mayors, are all part of the US-supported, Israeli-Jordanian scheme, aiming at diminishing the PLO's influence and creating a new leadership that cooperates with 'Israel'. This plan also aims at normalizing Israeli-Jordanian relations in order to implement a form of self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to be jointly administered by 'Israel' and Jordan. This would lead to depriving our people of their national rights to return, self-determination and the establishment of an independent state. The parties noted that the process of implementing the division of functions plan is going forward, step by step, while the Zionist authorities escalate their oppressive campaigns against our masses in occupied Palestine. Meanwhile, splits continue in the Palestinian national ranks, and official Arab action is lacking.

The PCP and PFLP express their great pride in the steadfastness of our masses in Palestine. Their escalation of mass, military and political resistance against the Zionist authorities and repressive measures, confirms that the division of functions plan is the most dangerous threat at present.

The PCP and PFLP call for broad national unity in occupied Palestine to confront this plan, based on assembling the national forces, factions, personalities and committees that oppose the Zionist occupation and its practices, and the Israeli-Jordanian schemes, and that adhere to the national goals of our people, and the PLO as their sole, legitimate representative. The danger of the conspiracy requires all Palestinians, without exception, to unite and surmount all obstacles to united confrontation of the Israeli-Jordanian schemes. It also necessitates serious work to unite the mass organizations on a democratic basis. Both parties see that cancellation of the Amman accord and regaining the PLO's unity will contribute greatly to providing the conditions for confronting the division of functions plan, especially since the Jordanian regime took advantage of the division in the PLO and the political cover given by the Amman accord, to go ahead with its plans.

The PFLP and PCP warn of the dangerous role of the Egyptian regime in the conspiracy to liquidate the Palestinian revolution. Specifically, the regime continues to pressure the right-wing PLO leadership to accept resolution 242 and completely submit to the US conditions, in preparation for restoring the PLO's relations with Jordan on the basis of the Amman accord. The Alexandria summit between Mubarak and Peres reaffirmed the reality of this regime's policies. It refuted the claims of some Palestinians that there is a 'distinction' between the Mubarak and Sadat regimes.

The PCP and PFLP confirm that the current focus of all Palestinian nationalists is to act fast to restore the PLO's unity on a national, anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist basis. Both parties feel that the objective conditions needed for unity have been created by the heightened imperialist-Zionist-reactionary aggression against the PLO, aimed at liquidating its political

role, and by the exposure of the danger of betting on the US and on relations with the Jordanian regime. Providing the subjective condition is thus necessary. What is needed is for the right-wing PLO leadership to retreat from its political course which caused the split. This means an end to wagering on the US solutions, to bargaining with the aims and achievements of our masses, and to depending on the Arab reactionary regimes.

The PFLP and PCP consider that the political agreement of Prague, signed early in September, was a step, though an insufficient one, towards restoring the unity of the PLO. The two parties confirm that definite declared cancellation of the Amman accord by Fatah's Central Committee and the official PLO leadership, would help to achieve more steps towards regaining the PLO's unity. This would advance the process of national dialogue in preparation for an agreement on the complete political and organizational basis of unity. Both parties emphasized the following points:

1. Commitment to the political program of the PLO, the resolutions of the PNC, up to and including the 16th session, and the Palestinians' right to return, self-determination and an independent state.
2. Adherence to the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of our people; rejection of all formulas for delegating, mandating or sharing its representation; and confrontation of all plans for an alternative to the PLO.
3. Clear and declared cancellation of the Amman accord.
4. Boycotting political relations with the Camp David regime in Egypt.
5. Commitment to the resolution of national consensus that clearly rejects Security Council resolution 242.
6. Total rejection of all capitulationist plans such as Camp David, the Reagan plan, self-administration and the division of functions. An international conference, where the PLO is equally and independently represented, is the suitable framework for resolving the Middle East question and blocking any partial or unilateral settlement.
7. Consolidating the PLO's alliance with the Arab progressive nationalist forces and regimes, particularly Syria and the Lebanese and Jordanian nationalist forces.
8. Consolidating the PLO's relations with the forces of liberation, progress and socialism in the world, particularly the Soviet Union and the socialist community.
9. Taking the organizational principles of the Aden-Algers agreement as a guideline; mainly, to eliminate hegemony in the leadership and political decision-making of the PLO. This would be done through turning the PLO into a real national front, led collectively by a trustworthy leadership that protects the PLO's political line and relies on democratic principles in its activities.

The PCP and PFLP confirm their determination to advance Palestinian national unity in the framework of the PLO, and to contribute to providing the necessary conditions for achieving unity on the aforementioned political and organizational basis. They will also confront the destructive efforts of the Egyptian and Jordanian regimes, and the rightist Palestinians that collaborate with them.

Discussing the situation of the Palestinian masses in Lebanon, both parties noted that the Amal movement has recently broadened the scope of its aggression on our camps, to include those in the South. The parties reaffirmed that these aggressions sabotage the joint confrontation of the Zionist occupation and its agents in South Lebanon, which does not serve Lebanon's liberation, independence or unity.

The PFLP and PCP express their great appreciation of the Lebanese nationalist forces' struggle against the Zionist occupation and its agents. They reaffirm their interest in consolidating the Palestinian-Lebanese militant alliance. They demand that the Amal movement stop its aggression against our masses, lift the siege on the camps and implement the agreements signed, in order to strengthen the joint confrontation of the Zionist occupation and its agents.