

# PFLP Central Committee Statement

In *Democratic Palestine* no. 19, we covered the press conference after the PFLP Central Committee's session. Below we print the text of the statement issued by the Central Committee at the conclusion of the same session.

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To our masses in the occupied territories,  
To our masses everywhere,  
To all the fighters of the Palestinian revolution,  
To all patriots,

The Central Committee of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine held an important session, Sept. 27-9th, 1986, specifically to discuss the important and dangerous political developments involving the Arab region in general and the Palestinian arena in particular. The Central Committee's discussions were based on the Politbureau's report which covered these developments, their interaction, and the PFLP's stand on them, from the time of its last session. The Central Committee endorsed all the recommendations and stands stated in the Politbureau's report.

In its discussions, the Central Committee focused on Palestinian national unity as the main and basic subject among all others. The Central Committee considers that reestablishing the PLO's unity is the central task at this stage, to which the PFLP's leadership, cadres and rank and file should devote all possible efforts. The Central Committee believes that achieving reunification is the main task for enabling the Palestinian revolution and people to effectively confront the US-Zionist reactionary schemes which aim at cancelling the PLO and finding submissive substitutes ready to participate fully in the process of liquidating the Palestinian national cause on the Zionist enemy's conditions.

With a high sense of responsibility, the Central Committee discussed the basis for reestablishing the PLO's unity, taking into consideration the bitter Palestinian experience of the past four years, i.e., the dismantling, dispersion and division of the Palestinian ranks. The Central Committee discussed in depth the causes of this state of division and the roots of the PLO's present crisis.

The Central Committee endeavors to reestablish the PLO's unity and revitalize its programs and struggle against the enemy. Based on this, the Central Committee emphasized that Palestinian national unity should be based on an anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist program that in no way harmonizes with the projects advanced by the US administration and its local allies, first and foremost the Jordanian and Egyptian regimes.

The Central Committee emphasized that the anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist program, capable of reunifying the Palestinian ranks, is the program that draws a clear political line. This means rejecting and confronting the imperialist and Zionist projects that aim to resolve the Middle East crisis and its core, the Palestinian question, via the Palestinian section of the Camp David accords ('autonomy') and the condominium plan for joint Jordanian-Israeli rule of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Such an anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist program is not an impossible condition. Rather it provides suitable common grounds for the Palestinian nationalist forces in their march to achieve the interim tasks of the PLO, fulfilling the Palestinian people's rights to self-determination, return and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on their national soil.

In accordance with its national duty, the Central Committee reassessed the stage following the departure of the Palestinian revolutionaries from Beirut in 1982. It drew the lessons of that stage and determined the correct basis for national unity in the light of these lessons. It is impossible and illogical to lay the foundation for reestablishing the PLO's unity without drawing the lessons of the previous stage.

The Central Committee found that the dominant PLO leadership's departure from the PLO's program, on which the Palestinian ranks were united, is the main cause of the division of the PLO. This departure was manifest in the adoption of a program contradictory to the PLO's national program. The signing of the Amman accord was a concrete step by this leadership towards adopting a program in contradiction with the anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist program. This accord signified the readiness of the PLO leadership to participate in the execution of the US-reactionary version of a regional settlement. This dealt a blow to the program that had united the Palestinian ranks and upheld the legitimate rights of our people.

The real beginning of the process of reestablishing the PLO's unity is abandoning this program which is in contradiction to the national program, by clearly, officially and publicly abrogating the Amman accord which is still being used by the Jordanian regime for executing the condominium plan in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, along with the Zionist enemy. Such cancellation of the Amman accord would certainly be a serious declaration of the signatories' readiness to return to the national program which represents our people's interests and legitimate national aspirations. At the same time, the Central Committee noted that the dangers threatening the Palestinian national cause emanate not only from the Jordanian regime's schemes and cooperation with the Zionist enemy. To a great extent, these dangers also emanate from the other US-Israeli gateway - the Egyptian regime, the gate of Camp David. Mubarak's regime is reactivating the Camp David accords. Employing promises and pressure, the Egyptian regime is relentlessly striving to contain the PLO leadership within the boundaries of the US solution.

The Central Committee emphasized that the PLO must cease its relations with the Egyptian regime which has unequivocally stated its commitment to the Camp David accords. Stopping these relations is a prerequisite for returning to the national program. The Egyptian regime's efforts only serve the policy of normalizing relations with the Zionist entity - this dangerous, colonialist phenomenon in the Middle East region. Stopping relations with Egypt and adhering to the Baghdad Summit resolutions would mean insistence, on the PLO's part, on continuing the struggle to achieve the national goals of our people. Any leniency or compromise in this sphere will retard the PLO's struggle to achieve its goals. Moreover, it means opening the door for other Arab regimes to follow in its footsteps, further weakening the Arab ranks and subordinating them to imperialist hegemony. The importance of ending relations with the Egyptian regime was confirmed in the Aden-Algiers agreement. The Palestinian organizations that signed this agreement considered this point as part of the basis for reestablishing the PLO's unity.

The Central Committee ascertained that the correct and necessary step toward achieving the unity of the Palestinian ranks is slamming these two gateways to the US liquidationist solution by cancelling the Amman accord and ending relations with the Egyptian regime. This would pave the way for reestablishing the PLO's alliances with the states of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front and the Arab liberation movement, confronting the US-Zionist projects.

The Central Committee specified the proper basis for unifying the Palestinian ranks as follows:

*First:* clear and public cancellation of the Amman accord, and ending relations with the Camp David regime - the Egyptian regime.