

Lebanese national movement and the Palestinian revolution. The PFLP takes upon itself to expend all efforts to guarantee the success of the Sidon agreement signed on September 11th between the Palestinians and the Front for Unification and Liberation.

NAJI AL ALI'S ASSASSINATION

The politbureau discussed at length the assassination of the militant artist Naji Al Ali. This was a grave, irreplaceable loss to the Palestinian people and to all progressive and democratic Arabs. The politbureau reviewed the communiques issued by some Palestinian forces, which indicated that the assassination was a consequence of the martyr's political stands, and was carried out by a certain Palestinian trend. The PFLP warns of engulfing the Palestinian arena in a cycle of political violence, and condemns such destructive tendencies. Our masses' experience proves the tragic consequences of such tendencies, and requires that all display caution and prevent any such attempts. At the same time, the PFLP calls for commemorating Naji Al Ali by all means and forming a special committee for the purpose.

CHAD

The politbureau reviewed the continuous aggression of US imperialism and its allies against Libya. This aggression aims to weaken Libya, prevent it from supporting the national liberation movements, particularly the Palestinian revolution, and striking Libya itself as a revolutionary phenomenon in the area. The US and French imperialists have resorted to Hissene Habre's regime in Chad to continue aggression against Libya. The PFLP condemns this aggression and calls on all nationalist and progressive forces to support Libya, in order to defeat the imperialist plans.

The PFLP considers the attacks on Libya an attack on the Palestinian revolution. At the same time, we warn that the imperialist forces aim to utilize border disputes to divert the nationalist and progressive regimes from the Arab nation's focal issues - the Palestinian question and confronting imperialist plans in the area.

THE GULF

The politbureau discussed the dangerous developments in the Gulf, as seen in the US and NATO military presence which is a current and future threat to the security and sovereignty of the peoples of the area. The PFLP strongly condemns this military presence and calls for its immediate withdrawal from the Gulf and Arab Sea. The PFLP holds the reactionary regimes especially responsible for inviting the imperialist fleets to the area.

The PFLP calls for a halt to the destructive Iraq-Iran war, viewing UN resolution 598 as a correct, suitable approach for resolving the problem, and calling on both parties to abide by it.

REGIONAL STEADFASTNESS

The politbureau affirmed the importance of cooperation between the steadfast forces and states in order to confront the increased imperialist-Zionist aggression against the region. Not only are Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by 'Israel', now there is direct occupation of Iraqi territory and aggression on Libya, plus the presence of US and NATO fleets and forces, particularly in the Gulf.

The weakness of joint work between the steadfast states and the nationalist and progressive forces weakens their capacity to confront, while making it easier for the enemy forces to continue their aggression.

THE YEAR OF PALESTINE

This year is the 70th anniversary of the ill-reputed Balfour declaration, 40 years since the UN partition plan was adopted, 20 years since the 1967 aggression and five years since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. The UN has decided to call this year the International Year of Palestine. We call on all Arab and international progressive forces to make this year one of qualitative support to the Palestinian masses' just struggle to achieve their national goals of return, self-determination and an independent state on their national soil...

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PFLP Dismisses Bassam Abu Sharif

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The PFLP's Politbureau held an emergency meeting to discuss the participation of Bassam Abu Sharif in a Palestinian delegation headed by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir Arafat, which met with Egyptian President Husni Mubarak during the OAU summit in Ethiopia.

The Politbureau issued a statement reaffirming the PFLP's position on the Camp David regime of Egypt and relations with it. The statement confirmed the PFLP's position on the meeting with Mubarak as being harmful to the Palestinian people's national interests

and revolution and to the PLO. Such meetings are a violation of the resolutions of the PNC's unification session concerning relations with the Egyptian regime.

In the light of this position, the Politbureau considered that Bassam Abu Sharif had assumed an individualistic position, deeply violating the PFLP's political and organizational line. Bassam Abu Sharif was neither the official spokesman of the PFLP, nor its political representative (at the summit). The Politbureau decided that:

1. Bassam Abu Sharif's membership in the PFLP's Central Committee is abrogated.
2. Bassam Abu Sharif is dismissed

from the PFLP and all its organizational bodies and ranks.

3. Any action taken by Bassam Abu Sharif is considered an individual and isolated act representing only his own convictions.

In conclusion, the Politbureau reaffirmed the PFLP's sincere efforts to uphold its positions and consecrate its political and organizational principles. The PFLP will continue the struggle to uphold the resolutions of the legitimate institutions of the PLO and its national program, honoring the Palestinian people's struggle and martyrs, and in line with the PFLP's belief in the inevitability of victory and the liberation of Palestine.