

Palestinian Central Council

Resolutions

The Palestinian Central Council held an extraordinary session in Baghdad, January 7-9th. There was only one item on the agenda for discussion: the heroic uprising of our people who remain steadfast in the occupied territories; the measures and decisions taken by the Executive Committee in this regard; and the requirements of future work programs. Following a thorough debate on the situation, the Central Council made a number of decisions to deal with the rapid developments and the need for supporting this uprising, which are listed below. The council also discussed the issue of a Palestinian government-in-exile, without adopting this concept.

1. To form a higher committee, in addition to the Executive Committee, to follow up on matters pertaining to the uprising and its developments. The committee is to be formed from members of the presidium of the Palestinian National Council (PNC), the General Secretariat of the Central Council, the Committee for the Affairs of the Occupied Homeland and representatives of the Higher Military Council. The committee will remain on the alert and is considered as being continuously convened.

2. To call upon Palestinian businessmen to shoulder their responsibilities for their people by extending

material and moral assistance to the steadfastness and struggle of our people...

3. To approve the Executive Committee's resolution on the allocation of an additional budget, and to ask the committee to take every possible measure to ensure that this budget meets the requirements of containing the uprising.

4. To call upon all Palestinian institutions, and organizations to carry on with their work plans and efforts, and to continue contacts with all Arab and international institutions to serve this goal.

5. Specialized committees should con-

tinue to perform their daily duties towards the uprising and its development on all levels.

6. To consolidate and support the popular committees and national action committees in all positions of confrontation in occupied Palestine, in the refugee camps, villages, towns, universities, institutes, schools, popular organizations and institutions, etc.

7. To demand that the Executive Committee initiate a special fund to collect donations in support of the uprising.

8. To call upon all the Arab masses and their nationalist forces to form popular committees to support this uprising.

9. To demand immediate UN protection for our masses, especially children and women, and to act immediately to implement these resolutions for the sake of ending the occupation.

10. To urge the Arab countries to take a firm position and every possible measure to foil the policies of deportation, expulsion and the iron fist exercised by the Israeli occupation authorities. We should also call upon Arab countries to exert efforts and contact all friendly countries to stop these crimes. ●

