

PFLP Delegations

Afghanistan

In response to an invitation from the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), a PFLP delegation headed by Comrade Abu Maher Al Yamani, Politbureau member and head of the Political Relations Department, visited Afghanistan, May 30th - June 5th.



The Palestinian delegation was received by Afghanistan's president, Najiballah. Their talks concentrated on the situation of the Afghani and Palestinian revolutions, respectively, especially the popular uprising in Palestine, and the national reconciliation policy undertaken by the PDPA to put an end to the crisis which Afghanistan has suffered for many years.

Comrade Najiballah confirmed the continuation of his country's support to the struggle of the Palestinian people for realizing their legitimate national rights. He expressed support to the proposed fully empowered international conference to discuss the Palestinian question. Such a conference must include the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and the parties to the conflict, including the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, on equal footing with the other parties.

The Afghani president confirmed that the national reconciliation policy in Afghanistan aims at saving the people from the bloody war imposed on them. The PDPA and the Afghani state

are doing their best to implement the Geneva accords, but Pakistan is still violating them and providing the Afghani rebels with military equipment. For this reason, the Afghani government has presented several memoranda about Pakistan's violations to the special UN Committee charged with monitoring application of the Geneva accords.

Comrade Al Yamani explained the conditions in the Palestinian arena and the causes and results of the popular uprising in the occupied territories. He referred to the need for Arab and international support to the uprising, in order to realize the Palestinian people's aims of freedom and independence. Comrade Al Yamani expressed the PFLP's support to the PDPA's national reconciliation policy and its achievements in this field.

On the day of their arrival, the PFLP delegation placed a wreath on the martyrs' grave in the capital, Kabul. Then there was a working meeting between the PFLP delegation and a PDPA delegation to discuss the situation in Afghanistan and occupied Palestine in

detail. Points of view coincided concerning the Palestinian and Afghani problems, and the two parties asserted their mutual intention to consolidate their relations. The Palestinian delegation met with a number of other Afghani officials as well. Also, Comrade Al Yamani met with Palestinian students at the Afghani university, to inform them of the latest political developments concerning the Palestinian cause.

TELEVISION INTERVIEW

Comrade Abu Maher Al Yamani was interviewed on Afghani television. He asserted that the Palestinian people have faced a vicious imperialist-Zionist-reactionary war for more than forty years. They can thus empathize with the sufferings of the Afghani people as a result of the war launched by the imperialist and reactionary powers against the Afghani's choice to develop their country.

Comrade Al Yamani posed the following question: «If the USA is interested in the victory of Islam in Afghanistan, why does it support the Zionists in occupying Palestine and the Islamic holy places, and expelling Palestinian Muslims from their land and denying them the right of repatriation?... The answer to this question is very clear: US imperialism, along with local reaction, considers the Afghani revolution a threat to its interests, for it constitutes an example to other peoples of the world of how to struggle for development and independence.»

Comrade Abu Maher also spoke about the Palestinian uprising which expresses the people's refusal of occupation, and their determination to retrieve their national rights to repatriation, self-determination and an independent state with Jerusalem as the capital. He ended the interview by expressing his deep appreciation to the government, party and president of Afghanistan for the warm welcome the Palestinian delegation received, and for their support to the Palestinian cause. ●