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# The Call of Steadfastness and Heroism

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In these days while heroic struggle is being waged, we commemorate the 22nd anniversary of the Arab armies' defeat which took place on June 5, 1967. At that time, the Palestinian armed resistance was consolidated and constituted a revolutionary alternative and hope, instead of the gloom which prevailed after the defeat. Additionally, this month we commemorate the 7th anniversary of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and the anniversary of the legendary steadfastness which our revolutionaries in Beirut proved. We are now witnessing official Arab silence towards the intifada. They have remained only as observers who are betting on the termination of the revolution and the PLO, but our people persevered as exemplified in the defeat of Brezhnev's plan and Reagan's plan through their sacrifices and steadfastness. History repeats itself once again. The struggle of our people, their sacrifices and the uprising are defeating the Zionist repressive machine and have received solidarity from the entire world with the exception of the Arab countries which have not even held a demonstration or a solidarity march with the uprising.

The Arab masses should overcome the barriers of silence and express their real solidarity with our unarmed people who are waging their war of independence.

To the heroes of the intifada:

Your sacrifices and confrontations bring the day of salvation closer, the day of freedom and independence, and shorten the age of the occupation. Your struggle is bringing about the defeat of the occupation's projects of liquidation. The Shamir plan, which has become the official conspiracy of the enemy's government will be defeated through our masses' heroic confrontations just as the case with the Camp David autonomy plan and Jordan's Condominium plan, although the enemy will refuse to admit their defeat. Nevertheless, the occupation's army and authorities are losing their nerves and are deceiving themselves by thinking that through escalating the daily repression and massacres, they will be able to revive the military option which has been defeated by the masses of the uprising. The Israeli ministers are calling for the isolation of the occupied territories from the world in order to liquidate the uprising, in addition to calls by Sharon and others for increasing expulsions and administrative detentions, as well as racist calls from Zionist officials to dispense with Arab laborers. In fact, all these calls coupled with the fascist repressive measures of shooting at our masses to cause thousands of injured and hundreds of martyrs from the waves of confrontation which are determined to continue the struggle until the termination of the occupation. These calls have also been coupled with imposing curfews on more than one million Palestinians and attacking villages and camps, as well as demolishing tens of houses. In fact all of these measures, which constitute the government's official policies, are a desperate attempt to terrify our people and create the proper atmosphere in order to



implement the Shamir plan. This plan aims at liquidating the Palestinian cause and aborting the uprising, and is supported by the US administration which supports the occupation's aims and ignores the will of the international community. This is instead of recognizing the national and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. The US administration has adopted Shamir's plan which is based on the Camp David agreements which were categorically rejected by our people. It has tried through its envoys' visits to the area including Dennis Ross, to offer its support to this conspiracy thereby exposing our people to more suffering and terrorism.

The UNL along with the Palestinian masses confirms its decisive rejection of Shamir's conspiracy for holding elections in the occupied territories while under occupation. Elections will never occur until the occupation ends, and only under international supervision as a first step towards convening an international peace conference. This is considered the only way to establish peace in the area and the recognition of the Palestinian people's right to repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO. The UNL also reaffirms the determination of our people to accept the challenge and confrontation in order to bring about the final defeat of all these conspiracies.

To our heroic masses:

Due to the occupation authorities' failure in confronting the will and steadfastness of the PLO's army, the army of the na- ►