



# Interview with George Habash



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**Interview with Comrade George Habash, General Secretary of the PFLP, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Palestinian uprising, and the 22nd anniversary of the PFLP's establishment.**

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## **The intifada, its achievements, difficulties and horizons**

## **What progress has been made by the intifada towards realizing freedom and independence, and embodying the State of Palestine?**

The Declaration of Independence and the Palestinian state by the PNC in its extraordinary session on November 15, 1988, was a natural and objective response to a set of achievements realized by the uprising in particular, and the Palestinian national struggle in general... The great uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip possesses a set of essential qualities

which give its achievements a qualitative dimension. Thus, the uprising created a number of new facts on many different levels. The uprising shifted the center of gravity of the conflict with the Zionist entity into Palestine, directly threatening the cohesion of this entity. Thus, the uprising put an end to concepts which the occupation has been trying to entrench, such as the eternity of the occupation, Arab-Zionist coexistence, etc. Moreover, it decisively exposed the essence of the conflict as a Palestinian-Israeli one occurring in the context of the overall Arab-Zionist conflict. This rules out the possibility of searching for solutions which ignore Palestinian national rights to repatriation, self-►