

nationalist movement on the basis of strategic cooperation with the progressive Arab and international forces, first and foremost the Soviet Union.

The war in Lebanon clearly delineated our enemies and their aims, and showed who our friends, partners and allies are; it clarified the struggle on all levels.

The above priorities define the strategic basis for our struggle. We do not ignore or minimize the importance of Arab solidarity. Yet we refuse its previous contents and negative, capitulationist results. We refuse that resolutions adopted by majority vote be used as a cover for walking the path of surrender and aborting all the national gains. In Arab solidarity, there is no place for Camp David, the Reagan plan, or the capitulationist agreement of May 17th. There is a place for Arab solidarity which confronts our strategic imperialist-Zionist enemy in order to guarantee and further our national interests.

We do not ignore the international influence of the European countries and the effect of this on our cause. Yet we cannot but note the stands of the great majority of them which support the occupation at the expense of human and national rights, and international agreements, in accordance with the strategic US plans.

We must therefore take our point of departure in our own strategy to defend our national rights and relations, to achieve our aims and victory; we must unite our position against our enemies in order to make a new start for our revolution as is required to meet new challenges and historical responsibilities towards our people, the Arab nation and the world.

The resolutions of the 16th session of the PNC were subjected to distortions aimed at undermining the strategic impor-

tance and giving them a superficial, tactical interpretation, whereas these resolutions are the essential base that guarantees the unity of the PLO and its bodies and the Palestinian people, for they protect the unity of these forces within the conditions of each stage of struggle.

We call on the PLO leadership, bodies and forces and all nationalist personalities to realize the importance of the priorities listed above; these are urgent for facing aggression, plots and deviation.

It is important for all Arab countries to support and advance the cause in its full dimensions. Without this, the legitimacy, independence and unity of the PLO will remain a symbol with no practical contents, wherein differing opinions would contradict, depriving the PLO of its orientation and reason for being. Dealing with Arab regimes that are allied to the US, especially the Sadat and Mubarak regime of Egypt, can only be a move towards Camp David and the Reagan plan, heralding capitulation and the achievement of the goals of the US enemy on the Palestinian level and throughout the region. In the absence of a clear strategy and in light of the retreating Arab situation, this will be the case regardless of what justifications are given for these dealings, whether as deliberate or tactical moves.

Finally we call upon Syria and the Lebanese nationalist forces to assume their national responsibility for protecting the gains of the common struggle. We call on them to develop their strategic relations, which requires protecting the unity and independence of the PLO in order to strengthen the strategic base for fulfilling the national tasks and achieve Arab solidarity in confronting the challenges and negative aspects.

#### *Mayors*

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Karim Khalaf, Ramallah  
Wahid Hamdallah, Anabta  
Hilmi Hanoun, Tulkarem  
Mahmoud Abdul Fattah, Arrabeh  
Ahmad Shawki Musa, Jineen  
Khaled Awad, Kubatayah  
Khalil Kheir, Beit Sahour (deputy)  
George Hazboun (deputy, dismissed)

#### *Municipal Council members*

Yaser Arslan, Nablus  
Khaldoun Abdul Haq, Nablus  
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#### *Nationalist personalities*

Mamoun Sayed  
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#### *Unions*

Adel Ghanem, General Secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions in the West Bank  
Adnan Dagher, Permanent Secretary of Ramallah associations  
Ibrahim Dakkak, Engineers Union  
Dr. Salah Bastami, Doctors Union  
Ismail Taziz, Pharmacists Union  
Mursi Hujair, Lawyers Union  
Mohammad Naser Din, Dentists Union  
Saleh Abu Eida, Lawyers, Nablus branch  
Dr. Issam Edwan, Dentists, Nablus

#### *Women's associations*

Samia Khalil, President of the Society for the Restoration of the Family  
Amal Khreishi, President of the Union of Working Women Committees  
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Working Women's Committee, Al Khalil (Hebron)

#### *Other associations*

Student Council, Bethlehem University  
Chief of the Senior Committee for Voluntary Work  
President of the Red Crescent, Al Khalil  
Member of the Higher Education Council