

For Unity, Not Deviation

Memorandum

From: Palestinian national personalities in Jordan

To: PNC President Khalid Fahoum

Dear brother,

Because the people are the leader, tutor and hero who write our history of struggle with their blood...

Because you are the President of the PNC, the highest Palestinian popular body, the main duties of which are to materialize the revolutionary Palestinian will and aspirations for unity and liberation...

Because the misunderstandings and splits have reached a dangerous level because of the individualist methods of the leadership in all its actions, alliances and policies which are based on despair, corruption, destruction and compromise...

Because of these things, we address you with a firm, urgent call.

With great hope we have been following the endeavors made to restore unity. We greatly appreciate the attempts made by PFLP, DFLP, the Palestinian Liberation Front and the Palestinian Communist Party at Aden, Damascus and Algiers, which aim at ending the present crisis, restoring national unity and morale, and stressing the armed struggle and commitment to the PNC's decisions. Regretfully, these positive efforts were not met with sincere interest on the part of the individualist PLO leadership, but with maneuvers to buy time, continuation of the capitulationist path, individual supremacy, the splitting of popular organizations, bribery, etc.

The defeatist attitude of the individualist leadership of the PLO has resulted in the paralysis of the PLO associations. It has sharpened divisions among organizations inside and outside of Palestine, weakened the people's confidence and confused the masses. The continuation of the retreating posture will deprive us of the opportunity to benefit from the present state of retreat and defeat of the Zionists and imperialists; it will keep us from benefitting from the state of victory and advance of Syria, the nationalist Lebanese and the Palestinians, supported by the Soviet Union. In addition it encourages those who want to inherit the PLO's sole, legitimate representation of the Palestinian people; it increases the prominence of Palestinian figures known for their disloyalty. This is a situation never experienced before in the history of our struggle.

It is imperative for sincere strugglers to take immediate steps to reform, unite and reactivate our struggle on the basis of the following principles:

1. The unity and independence of the PLO and its associations on a progressive, nationalist, anti-imperialist, anti-

Zionist line. This should be based on maintaining the organizational program affirmed in the 14th and 16th sessions of the PNC and stressing that unity should coincide with democratic reform in all bodies and associations of the PLO.

2. The formation of a collective leadership committed to the PLO's decisions and national line, wherein all organizations, forces and national personalities are represented. Such a leadership is urgently required to suit the new stage of Palestinian revolutionary work. Democratic relations should replace individualism, dogmatism and dealings with Arab reaction.

3. A declared, strategic alliance with Syria, the Lebanese national movement, the Arab national regimes and the progressive forces internationally with the Soviet Union, the friend of our nation, in the forefront.

4. The formation of a broad national front within the PLO.

5. Reactivation of the Palestinian National Front in the occupied territories based on the unity of the struggle inside and outside Palestine. Total termination of the previous bureaucracy in dealing with the Palestinian masses and national forces in the occupied territories.

6. Stressing the continuation and escalation of armed struggle against the Zionist enemy.

7. Rejecting all liquidationist solutions such as autonomy, Camp David, the Reagan Plan and any further imperialist projects which may be proposed.

Dear brother, you have heard the voice rejecting the policies of surrender; you have heard the insistence on continuing the struggle as voiced in the memorandum sent from the lands of confrontation and steadfastness, from Nablus, Ramallah, Jerusalem, Tulkarem, Al Khalil and Gaza, signed by national personalities and forces known for their sacrifices and history in our national struggle.

We hereby address you from Jordan, fulfilling our right and duty to support the efforts for unity and democratic reform. We declare our support to all steps for ending this crisis soon in order to retrieve the PLO from the present state of paralysis and enable our revolution to continue until achieving our people's aims. At this time, experience has proven that the deviationists insist on the same practices without waiting to see the results of the efforts at reconciliation and national unity negotiations. We cannot but greatly appreciate the positive efforts being made by PDR Yemen, Algeria and other Arab forces to restore the PLO's national unity.