

Enthusiastic Palestinian Response

After the signing of the Aden-Algiers agreement between the Democratic Alliance and Fatah's Central Committee, many Palestinian mass organizations and patriotic personalities publicly declared their support of the agreement. The following are samples of the response from the occupied territories, Jordan and Syria. (We thank the comrades of the DFLP who translated most of these statements which have been published in the DFLP Bulletin.)

Bassam Shaka'a, legitimate Mayor of Nablus:

«We hope that this agreement will be implemented as soon as possible. The agreement constitutes a landmark strengthening our unified national action, consolidating our Arab and international alliances.»

Ibrahim el-Tawil, legitimate Mayor of Bireh:

«Our people are in great need of this agreement. Such an agreement symbolizes the new state of upsurge in our people's spirit inside the occupied territories.»

Wahid Hamdallah, legitimate Mayor of A'nabta:

«The agreement is a new stemming point for the PLO to continue bearing its historical responsibility of defending the interests of our people and achieving its aims, especially that of building its independent state.

We appeal to all our brothers in other organizations to endorse this agreement.»

Azmi Al-Shua'ibi, member of Bireh Municipal Council:

«Our masses received the historical Aden agreement with joy and hope. We welcome what the agreement includes politically and organizationally.

We ask all other organizations, national forces and institutions of our people to provide all support for the agreement.»

Dr. Haidar Abdel Shaffi, head of the Palestinian Red Crescent Association in Gaza:

«Simply and briefly, there can be no better gift than this for our people inside and outside the occupied territories especially in the face of our enemies' insistence on splintering the PLO.»

Haj Amin al Nasir, Mayor of Qalqilya:

«This agreement is what our people have been waiting for. Our people appreciate this agreement and hope that the crisis and obstacles which hinder our unity will not take place again.»

Youssra Barbari, head of the Women's Federation in Gaza:

«We feel happy about the restoration of the unity of the Palestinian institutions on the basis of the PNC resolutions. I emphasize the importance of implementing what has been agreed upon.»

Akram Haniya President of the Arab Journalists' League:

«The agreement reached by the main Palestinian organizations through their democratic dialogue in Algiers and Aden constitutes an achievement of paramount importance.»

Ali Abu Hilal, Secretary of the Labor Unity League in Gaza and West Bank:

«The agreement is a victory for the realistic revolutionary policy of the Democratic Alliance and is a defeat for the adventurist policy.»

Zuhaira Kamal, Chairman of the Executive Council of Women Action Committees in West Bank:

«We consider the agreement as a great step to consolidate the unity of the PLO together with democratic practice within the institutions of the PLO. We call on all the organizations to support the agreement.»

Bashir el-Barghouthi, Editor-in-Chief of «Al Talia» in Jerusalem:

«Undoubtedly this agreement will contribute in the unity of the PLO and strengthen its Arab and international position as well as its patriotic role.»

Tawfiq Toubi, Polit-Bureau member of the Communist Party of Israel:

«The agreement is a historic step in the march of the Palestinian national

movement. It is an important step to overcome the difficulties that have risen and intensified in the aftermath of the Israeli-American aggression against Lebanon.

I express the joy and appreciation of all here for the success achieved by the Palestinian national movement in overcoming the difficulties and elements of division, and restoring the political and organizational unity of the PLO.

We hope that the agreement will be implemented soon in the interest of all the sympathizers with the just cause of our Palestinian Arab people.»

Palestinian masses support the Aden-Algiers agreement:

Palestinian masses inside and outside the occupied territories declared their support for the Aden-Algiers agreement. Telegrams and memoranda expressing the Palestinian masses' backing of the agreement were sent to the Chairman of the PNC, and the General Secretaries of the organizations of the Democratic Alliance. The messages stressed the importance of achieving national unity and safeguarding the PLO in this crucial period. They called on all other Palestinian patriotic organizations, forces and personalities to support this great step towards establishing the unity of the PLO on a patriotic line.

Palestinian masses in the camps in Syria (Yarmouk, Khan al Sheikh, Jeramane and Danoun) sent delegates who met with the Chairman of the PNC and General Secretaries of the organizations of the Democratic Alliance, and emphasized their support for the Aden agreement.

Palestinian masses in the camps in Homs, Aleppo, Hama and Lattakia acted likewise.

The Executive Committee of the General Union of Palestinian Students issued a statement in which it declared support to the Aden agreement for restoring the unity of the PLO on the basis of its patriotic line and PNC resolutions. The communique called on all the Palestinian organizations and patriotic personalities to work seriously for the success of comprehensive national dialogue.

In a telegram sent to the Chairman of the PNC and the leaders of the Palestinian organizations, 12 Palestinian and Arab youth and student organizations in