



Land Day rally in Shatila called by the PNSF

### **Mamoun Al Saed, journalist**

«The formation of the Salvation Front was a response to the needs of the current phase of the Palestinian struggle, especially after the convention of the secessionist Amman Council and the subsequent Jordanian-Palestinian accord and the Egyptian initiative. All these moves aimed at broadening the Camp David process and spreading Zionist-imperialist domination, in alliance with Arab reaction.»

### **Mahmoud Al Khatib, editor of «Al Mithaq» newspaper**

«We proclaim our support to the PNSF. Its formation is a qualitative step to confront the qualitative step taken by Arafat towards dealing with the liquidationist US schemes. The formation of this front was a response to the requirements of the present stage, an advanced step towards foiling the course of deviation and its proponents.»

### **Mustafa Abu Salam, Secretary of the Carpenters Union**

«We welcome the formation of the PNSF and are hopeful that it will be a firm popular base for protecting the PLO. We call on everybody to rally around this front to bolster its role, so that it will be able to stand up to the danger of deviation and its proponents.»

### **Mass organizations**

Statements of support to the PNSF came from the following: Yusra Barberi, Secretary of the Women's Union in Gaza; Naji Audeh, Secretary of the Construction Workers Union in Bethlehem; Adnan Zubaidi, Secretary of the Artists League in the West Bank; Khodor al Saed Al M'ranah, Secretary of the Shop

Employees and General Service Workers Union; Younis al Jaru, Secretary of the Lawyers Union in Gaza; Ghassem Abeidat, President of University Graduates in Bethlehem; Gazi al Shes-tri, Secretary of Workers in Establishments and Crafts in Nablus; Idris Salameh, President of the Workers and Employees Union at Al Mutlah Hospital; Jamil al Tarairy, President of the Workers and Employees Union at Mokassed Hospital; Dr. Issam al Souruna, Secretary of the Doctors Union in Nablus; Imad Al Sulha, Secretary of the Private School Employees Union; Anwar Labbadah, Secretary of the Tailors Union; Mustafa Abu Salam, Secretary of the Carpenters and Upholsterers Union.

### **Palestinians in Jordan**

A statement expressing support to the PNSF was issued on April 7th, signed by 64 persons including members of the PNC residing in Jordan, trade union leaders, writers and journalists.

### **On the Arab level**

The formation of the PNSF was welcomed by a broad spectrum of Arab progressive and nationalist forces. On April 4th, the PNSF received a memorandum signed by 64 unionists and patriotic dignitaries in Oman, expressing their satisfaction with its foundation and support to its platform.

Among the Lebanese parties welcoming the PNSF were those of the National Democratic Front: Kareem M'roueh, Politbureau member of the Lebanese Communist Party, termed the forming of the front «a matter of crucial importance, a necessity that came in time.»

Saied Khawa of the Progressive Socialist Party called the PNSF «a must for the Palestinian people and revolution. It helps to develop a clear national platform and deal with the problem within the Palestinian arena, for the sake of the liberation and return to Palestine.»

Haidar Homaine, leading member of the Arab Baath Socialist Party in Lebanon, stated: «We are all confident that the Salvation Front, having under its command the major forces including the PFLP, is capable of offering a great deal and working with perseverance. Its responsible, continued struggle could mean hastening the time for achieving our long waited goal of defeating the conspiracy and placing the PLO, its masses and resources, on the right track.»

In Syria, President Hafez al Assad hailed PNSF's formation as «the inauguration of fresh revolutionary upsurge, transcending weakness and capitulation.» The Salvation Front also drew the support of the Syrian Communist Party.

