

Joint Communique:

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Arafat's visit to Egypt is a qualitative step on the path of dealing with US schemes, which are based on the Camp David agreements, as well as the Reagan plan. Consequently, US, Arab and Palestinian reactionary circles quickly embraced this step; they moved to transform it into a complete sell-out by calling for a speedy resumption of the autonomy talks between Egypt and Israel, and an agreement allowing the Jordanian regime to represent the Palestinian people in order to reach a capitulationist settlement...

This step is very dangerous because it aims directly at developing splits in the Palestinian ranks and in the PLO, whereby a Palestinian force would follow the path of capitulation, armed with the legitimacy of his PLO position and taking advantage of the conditions suffered by our people recently, i.e., the problems in Fatah and the internal armed conflict...The recent calls for establishing a government-in-exile confirm this rightist direction...

The Palestinian right justifies the march to surrender as being the only alternative in the present conditions, capitalizing on the pessimism that arose due to the internal strife, which we warned of and condemned.

Regardless of what has happened, we are more than ever determined to face this rightist trend and obstruct this course which is being forced on our people. In this, we are armed with our principled positions and the will of the majority of our people and their nationalist forces that have struggled against the Camp David accords, autonomy and civil administration for the past seven years, and against the Reagan plan and all attempts to mandate the Jordanian regime...

Our people's cause and gains are in danger. We are at a crossroads which will determine whether our national cause will be liquidated with the participation of Palestinian renegades, or whether our march will continue to achieve the right to return, self-determination and the establishment of an independent state...We have no choice but to unite all our nationalist

forces and organizations, especially Fatah, because of its historical role in our people's struggle...We call for the creation of a broad Palestinian national front of all honest forces struggling for the liberation of our homeland. We call for setting aside all differences and obstacles to the unity of the forces that have condemned this capitulationist step and are struggling so that it will not affect our people's struggle.

We call for protecting the PLO and its sole representation of our people, and for the exclusion of this capitulationist trend, so that it cannot speak on behalf of our people's future...We refuse legitimacy being used to contradict our national political line. In this manner, we will be able to solidify the PLO's position in order to fight the imperialists, Zionists and other enemies.

The four organizations see it necessary to work on the following basis:

1. To prepare for a major conference including a broad array of Palestinians who have condemned Arafat's step. In the present circumstances, we see the PLO's Central Council as the only body which includes these forces and has the right to make legitimate decisions against this step and whoever took this step.

2. We call on Fatah's Central Committee to advance its position against Arafat's visit to Egypt, facilitating the meeting of the PLO's Central Council in order to take the necessary steps to halt this trend. Such a position would aid in protecting the unity of the PLO, Fatah's role herein, and our people's national cause.

3. We call on all Palestinian nationalist forces to declare that Arafat, with his current policy, has lost legitimacy and is disqualified to lead the PLO and our people's struggle.

4. We call on the Palestinian people, and all members of the Palestinian National Council, Central Council, Executive Committee, and mass organizations to voice their opposition to this policy of surrender, so that we can paralyze the reactionary positions...

5. To our people in the occupied territories, all nationalist forces, mass organizations, associations and municipalities, which held their national convention in Jerusalem in 1978, in order to condemn Sadat's scheme: We call on you to unite your ranks and struggle against this new conspiracy which aims at rejuvenating Camp David, autonomy and the Reagan plan.

6. We call on all nationalist and progressive Arab forces to voice their solidarity with the PLO's nationalist line against the trend of surrender...In order to counter this capitulationist course which threatens all the area, we call for resolving all differences between nationalist Arab regimes and Palestinian nationalist forces, specifically between Syria and Fatah's Central Committee. The danger to the area has increased with the signing of the US-Israeli strategic alliance agreement which aims to find an opening in order to encircle the progressive forces, divide their ranks and reduce their fighting capacity.

The danger that threatens our cause can be defeated, but a primary prerequisite is total unity among all Palestinian and Arab nationalist forces, steering clear of secondary differences and relying on the will of our people and the struggle capacity of the Arab masses...

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