

Al-Sheikh meets with the Russian Foreign Minister and his deputy

The Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Minister Hussein al-Sheikh, met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and his deputy, Mr. Mikhail Bogdanov.

During the talks, which took place today, Tuesday, in the Russian capital, Moscow, the two parties exchanged views on the current situation in the Middle East, with a focus on the prospects for a Palestinian-Israeli settlement.

They also raised prospects of restoring Palestinian national unity in accordance with the political program of the PLO, as well as possible bilateral issues to further strengthen Russian-Palestinian relations.

FM Lavrov stressed Russia's firm readiness to continue supporting the efforts of the Palestinian leadership to implement the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state within the 1967 borders, and to live in peace and security alongside Israel.

The Russian Foreign Minister also expressed his sincere condolences over the tragic death of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh, and expressed support of PLO leadership's request to conduct a comprehensive and objective investigation into her murder. The Russian Foreign Ministry had earlier conducted in-depth consultations between Mr. Hussein Al-Sheikh and the Deputy Foreign Minister of Russia and Special Representative for the Middle East and Africa, Mr. Mikhail Bogdanov.