

# **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh discusses developments in the Palestinian situation and efforts to revive the political process with a European delegation**

Ramallah – 23 June 2026 – His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice-President of the State of Palestine, met with a high-level European delegation headed by H.E. Ms. Dubravka Šuica, the European Commissioner for Mediterranean Affairs, and attended by H.E. Mr. Christophe Bigot, the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, and H.E. Mr. Alexandre Stutzmann, the Representative of the European Union, discussing the importance of strengthening relations between the European Union and Palestine, as well as the latest developments and updates related to the situation in Palestine, and efforts to achieve stability and peace in accordance with international legitimacy.

This took place during a meeting held today, Tuesday, at his office in Ramallah, attended by H.E. Dr. Laila Ghannam, Fatah Central Committee Member, H.E. Dr. Majdi Al Khalidi, the Diplomatic Advisor to Mr. President Abbas, and Ms. Ayah AlMuhisin, the Vice President's Chief of Staff.

The meeting addressed the overall political and field developments in the occupied Palestinian territory, amid the ongoing attacks by settlers and the escalation of occupation violations in the West Bank, the withholding of Palestinian funds, alongside the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip resulting from the continuation of the

aggression and blockade, accompanied by disruptions to relief efforts and the prevention of reconstruction processes, which exacerbates the suffering of the Palestinian people.

Al Sheikh affirmed that the Palestinian leadership remains committed to consolidating the democratic approach and strengthening the political track, to ensure the protection of Palestinian national rights and establish a serious political process based on international legitimacy and relevant UN resolutions, leading to an end to the occupation and the realization of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, reiterating the commitment to holding legislative parliamentary elections in November and presidential elections next year.

He also emphasized the importance of the European role in supporting the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and the necessity of intensifying international efforts to halt Israeli violations, end the war on the Gaza Strip, lift the blockade, release the withheld Palestinian funds, and enable the Palestinian government to fulfill its responsibilities in both the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

The Vice-President commended the developmental and humanitarian assistance provided by the European Union, affirming the State of Palestine's commitment to all reform programs, including governance, the security and justice sectors, unifying the social protection system, and developing services in the education and health sectors.

For her part, the European Commissioner for the Mediterranean affirmed the European Union's continued interest in supporting Palestine and Palestinian reform programs, and that the European Union is following developments in the Palestinian territories, supporting efforts aimed at achieving stability in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, and reviving the political horizon in accordance with the two-state solution and international law.