

AlSheikh: “We value the American position against house demolitions in East Jerusalem”

The head of the General Authority of Civil Affairs and Fatah Central Committee member, Minister Hussein AlSheikh, said in a tweet: “We value the American position calling upon the government of Israel to stop house demolitions in East Jerusalem.”

President Abbas meets Jordan's Abdullah II in Amman, discuss political developments

President Mahmoud Abbas today met with Jordanian King Abdullah II in Amman.

President Abbas arrived in the Jordanian capital, Amman, where he had a private meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II.

They discussed the latest political developments in the Palestinian arena, bi-lateral relations and issues of mutual concern.

In this regard, President Abbas affirmed ongoing coordination with Jordan in the interest of the Arab nation and its common

causes, primarily the Palestinian cause.

Abbas' separate meeting with Abdullah was followed by an expanded meeting involving officials from both sides.

AlSheikh demands immediate international intervention in Silwan in the occupied Jerusalem

The Head of the General Authority for Civil Affairs and Fatah Central Committee Member, Minister Hussein AlSheikh, called upon the international community for immediate intervention to stop the house demolitions and the forced displacement of the residents of the Al-Bustan neighborhood in the town of Silwan in the occupied city of Jerusalem.

In a press statement issued on Tuesday, Minister AlSheikh held the occupying power responsible for this major escalation, noting that the Al-Bustan neighborhood is being subjected to fierce attacks, demolition, destruction, and displacement.

Clashes erupted in the Al-Bustan neighborhood since the morning hours, after it was besieged and its entrances closed, and a commercial facility was demolished, with the expired deadline for the demolition order of 17 houses.

AlSheikh meets with Netherlands Representative, Van Bar

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The Head of the General Authority for Civil Affairs and Fatah Central Committee Member, Minister Hussein AlSheikh, met with the representative of the Netherlands to the State of Palestine, Mr. Kees van Bar, on Thursday last week at his office in Ramallah.

The two parties discussed the latest developments on the Palestinian arena and the region, and the ongoing occupation in Palestine, highlighting the updates in the city of Jerusalem and the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

AlSheikh stressed the strong relations between the two countries, thanking the Netherlands for its continuous and growing support for our people and their just cause towards the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.

AlSheikh on the new Israeli government

The Head of the General Authority of Civil Affairs and the Fatah Central Committee Member, Minister Hussein AlSheikh, said in a statement that the Palestinian people do not seek better living conditions or civil dialogues.

He continued, "our people are searching for salvation from the Occupation, for their freedom and independent state with its capital in East Jerusalem."

AlSheikh added that the change in Israeli government is an internal matter, but that the new government must understand that history will not side with the occupation forces.

Escalation by the Israeli Occupation Forces requires international condemnation

The Head of the General Authority of Civil Affairs and the Fatah Central Committee Member, Minister Hussein AlSheikh said today, Thursday, in a statement: "The continued storming of our cities, villages and camps, as well as the targeting of our people and security headquarters, of our brave soldiers and officers, is an expression of the Occupation's aggression."

In a press statement, AlSheikh added that the escalation taking place requires us to follow all necessary means to protect our people and members of our security services. The criminal actions committed by the Israeli Occupation Forces also require international condemnation.

Minister AlSheikh's statements come in the wake of the dangerous escalation committed by an Israeli special force (undercover) affiliated with the occupation army, when they stormed the city of Jenin at dawn today, causing the martyrdom of two Military Intelligence officers and a freed prisoner, and seriously wounding another

Minister AlSheikh meets with the Health Minister, Dr. Kaila

Yesterday, Sunday, the Head of the General Authority of Civil Affairs and the Fatah Central Committee Member, Minister Hussein AlSheikh, along with his staff, met with Her Excellency the Palestinian Minister of Health, Dr. Mai Kaila, at the Ministry of Health headquarters in Ramallah.

The two parties discussed Minister Kaila's last visit to the Gaza Strip to help treat the wounded after the aggression, the developments on Covid-19, and obtaining the vaccine for the Palestinian people.

His Excellency, Minister AlSheikh, presented his highest compliments and praise for the work of the Ministry of Health and its staff.

AlSheikh receives the New EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

Today, Monday, Minister Hussein AlSheikh met with the New EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Sven Koopmans, in his office in Ramallah.

The meeting covered the recent political events in the region, raising the violations of the Israeli occupation forces in Jerusalem and Al Haram Al Sharif, in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan, as well as the aggression on Gaza and escalations in the West Bank.

The meeting stressed the need for a political horizon to put an end to the occupation, and the importance of wide de-escalation efforts.

Press conference by AlSheikh and Shoukry

The Head of the General Authority of Civil Affairs and Fatah Central Committee Member, Minister Hussein AlSheikh, met with the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mr. Sameh Shoukry, reaffirming the need to set forth the political horizon necessary for the establishment of the Palestinian state.

During their press conference today, Monday, at the Presidential Headquarters in Ramallah, AlSheikh said that the Egyptian Foreign Minister, received by President Mahmoud Abbas, came bearing a message from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi confirming the withstanding position of the Arab Republic of Egypt and its absolute support for our people's pursuit to freedom and independence, and the establishment of their independent state with the capital in East Jerusalem.

AlSheikh added: "We deeply thank the Arab Republic of Egypt, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and all Egyptian state institutions that played a vital role and partnered with regional and international

parties to stop the Israeli aggression against our people. He continued: "This aggression which has left mass destruction and tens of thousands of displaced Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. This aggression against our people in Jerusalem and in the West Bank as well."

He emphasized that the two parties share the same vision, both confirming that there can be no security, stability, or peace without political prospects of ending the occupation and establishing the Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem, in accordance with international legitimacy.

Minister AlSheikh praised the position of the Egyptian President and thanked him, on behalf of President Mahmoud Abbas, for his generous donation of \$500 million for the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, noting that all the necessary measures will be planned with the regional and international parties of interest, to accelerate the reparation of what the occupation forces had destroyed in the Strip and Jerusalem.

In turn, Shoukry said: "I carry a message from President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to President Mahmoud Abbas, a message of complete solidarity with the Palestinian people and with the Palestinian National Authority, and all that is done in close coordination between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the National Authority and its leader, President Mahmoud Abbas, in order to establish an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital."

And the Egyptian Foreign Minister added: "This is the common goal of all brotherly Arab countries, to work in full coordination with the Palestinian National Authority to achieve this."

He continued: "We have recently witnessed unjustified escalation and assault on holy sites and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, as well as the events in Sheikh Jarrah and continuous efforts to change the Palestinian identity of Jerusalem, which led to the escalation of military operations and the suffering

endured by the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip.” Shoukry added, “We have made every effort possible to contain this matter with consideration of the Palestinian people, in an effort to exempt them from the pain of military operations. We stress the need to devise the proper political horizon to establish the Palestinian state. Stability and security for Palestine and the entire region are not feasible without realizing political prospects and plans first.”

He stressed the coordination and consensus between Egypt and the Palestinian Authority in support of all means to establish the state, further confirming Egypt’s support of the Palestinian people, whether in the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

He said: “We will provide humanitarian aid through the Rafah crossing, and we will coordinate with all those who contribute in this regard. We plan to carry out the operations of reconstruction in full coordination with the Palestinian National Authority.”

Shoukry added, “Given the recent developments, we hope to see international action and attention. Recent statements indicate that there is international interest in the issue, and that must be translated to a clear plan to restore the political process, to reach a permanent and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue that guarantees the full rights of the Palestinian people, foremost among which is the establishment of their independent state.”

He affirmed that Egypt will maintain cooperation and coordination with the National Authority to ensure stability and peace, and will work intensively and sincerely to achieve this goal.

President Abbas receives Egyptian security delegation

President Mahmoud Abbas received today at the Presidential Headquarters in Ramallah the Egyptian security delegation which visited the Gaza Strip yesterday in an effort to reinforce the fragile ceasefire.

During the meeting, the two parties discussed developments related to the ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well as coordinating efforts for reconstruction in the Gaza Strip.

The President thanked Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi for the efforts made by Egypt to achieve a ceasefire and rebuild the Gaza Strip, and to return to the political path to end the Israeli occupation of the land of the State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The meeting was attended by Hussein al-Sheikh, Minister of Civil Affairs and member of the ruling Fatah Central Committee, and the head of the General Intelligence Service, Majid Faraj.