

# **AlSheikh meets with the new UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process.**

This morning, Minister Hussein AlSheikh received in his office in Ramallah the new UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Tor Winsland.

The two sides discussed the recent updates on the Palestinian arena, including the file of reconciliation, and the region. AlSheikh also informed the UN Coordinator of the latest developments regarding the Presidential decree on the upcoming elections, and the United Nations's support for the Palestinians during the Coronavirus pandemic.

In closure, AlSheikh wished Mr. Winsland prosperity on the new post and expressed hope for continued cooperation.

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## **AlSheikh discusses the latest political developments with the EU Representative**

Monday morning in his office in Ramallah, Minister Hussein AlSheikh met with the European Union Representative in Palestine, Mr. Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff. Head of Political Section, Mr. Simone Petroni was in attendance, as well as the Spokesman of the EU in Palestine, Mr. Shadi Othman.

The Minister briefed the guests on the latest political developments on the Palestinian issue and the region, as well

as the upcoming Palestinian elections as set forth by the Presidential decree, in which the timeline for the elections was established.

AlSheikh also thanked the countries of the European Union for their continuous support to the Palestinian people in the various areas of education, health, water, and security.

In turn, Burgsdorff reaffirmed the European Union's firm support of the right of the Palestinian people to an independent Palestinian state within the borders of 67, with East Jerusalem as its capital, with accordance to international legitimacy. He also stressed the EU's ongoing support for the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, especially in light of the vicious Coronavirus pandemic.

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## **Al-Sheikh met with the Russian Foreign Minister**

Yesterday I met with the Russian Foreign Minister, HE Mr. Lavrov, as well as Mr. Mikhail Bogdanov, and the Deputy Russian Patriarch; and several topics of common interest were discussed.

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## **Al-Sheikh: Israel's refusal**

# **to vaccinate the prisoners is a racist measure**

Minister Hussein al-Sheikh described Israel's refusal to vaccinate Palestinian prisoners inside the occupation prisons with a vaccine against the Corona virus as a racist measure, despite the rise in covid-19 cases among them.

Al-Sheikh called for the necessity of the intervention of international and humanitarian institutions to pressure Israel and force it to respect international treaties and covenants.

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## **Al-Sheikh meets with the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs**

Today afternoon, Minister Hussein Al-Sheikh received the Portuguese Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Augusto Santos Silva at the office of the General Authority of Civil Affairs in Ramallah. The two sides discussed the latest updates on the Palestinian political arena, as well as the regional and international issues of interest.

From the Portuguese side, the meeting attendees were Director of Foreign Policy, Mrs. Madalena Fischer, the Representative of Portugal to Palestine, H.E. Mr. Fernando Demée de Brito, the Director of the Department for Middle East and North Africa Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms. Maria João Coutinho, and the Special Advisor to the Minister on

Middle East Affairs, Ms. Inês Coroa.

And from the Palestinian side, the attendees were Deputy Minister Mr. Ayman Qandil, and the Director of the Minister's Office, Mrs. Ayah Al-Muhasin.

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## **Al-Sheikh: Banning Christmas celebrations in the Gaza Strip is a “dark decision.”**

Banning Christmas in the Gaza Strip is a decision that has nothing to do with our people's religious, national and social morals. It's an illustration of dark takfiri thought that hits the foundations of our people's unity, respect for beliefs and religions and freedom of opinion and belief

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## **AlSheikh offers condolences for the loss of Kuwait's Sheikh Nasser al-Sabah**

The Fatah Central Committee member and Head of the General Authority for Civil Affairs, Minister Hussein Al Sheikh has expressed grief for the loss of Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, offering condolences to his family and the brotherly nation of Kuwait.

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# **AlSheikh: the Executive Committee of the PLO reaffirms reconciliation efforts**

The Fatah Central Committee member and Head of the General Authority for Civil Affairs, Minister Hussein al-Sheikh, has confirmed at the Executive Committee meeting held yesterday that efforts towards national reconciliation are ongoing, while he also condemned the persistent violations committed by the Occupation forces, namely the rapid settlement expansion.

AlSheikh added that the Committee has discussed the latest regional and international political developments, and has formed a committee to start forming the organization's Central Council.

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# **AlSheikh discusses latest political developments with Qatari Foreign Minister**

The Fatah Central Committee member and Head of the General Authority for Civil Affairs, Minister Hussein Al-Sheikh, has met with His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al

Thani, in the Qatari capital of Doha.

The meeting raised the latest political developments regarding the Palestinian and Arab issues, and discussed means of cooperation between the two countries.

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## **The steadfast militant fighters on this land are the Palestinians**

The steadfast militant fighters on this land are the Palestinians, and there will be no solution and no peace without its independence and salvation from the occupation even if the whole world were to normalize with the occupation.