

# **PLO official requests ICC expedite examination of case files on Israeli crimes**

A Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official today requested the International Criminal Court to expedite the examination of case files on Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people.

PLO Executive Committee Secretary General Hussein al-Sheikh called upon ICC Prosecutor to expedite addressing the case files referred to the Court on the crimes committed by Israeli occupation forces and armed settlers against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

"We call on Mr. Karim Khan, the Prosecutor of the #ICC, to expedite the decision on the files referred to the court for the crimes of the occupation and its settlers against the Palestinian people," al-Sheikh tweeted.

Slamming the systematic policy of procrastination and selectivity when dealing with Israel, al-Sheikh added: "Further procrastination, double standards and stalling in international institutions and subordination to the political will of superpowers are no longer acceptable."

"The time has come to confront a racist right-wing government that allows everything without international deterrence" he concluded.

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Herds of settlers, under the protection of the occupation army, are violating the homes, fields, and cars of Palestinian citizens in many villages.

We hold the occupation government fully responsible for this organized terrorism. We demand the masses of our people to form popular committees to protect citizens' property and confront this terrorism.

We call on the American administration and the international community to force the occupation government and its army to curb and stop settler terrorism and crimes committed against our people.

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Today, I received an American delegation headed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs at the US State Department, Mrs. Barbara Leaf.

I called on the American delegation to put pressure on the Israeli government to stop all unilateral measures, and to abide by the outcomes of Aqaba and Sharm al-Sheikh, which no longer exist in light of the Israeli disavowal of them. Starting with stopping the Israeli military incursions into the West Bank and the shedding of Palestinian blood. And I added that it is not possible to continue holding the quint conferences if there is no actual and tangible positive development on the ground.

I have also informed them that the Palestinian leadership will hold an important meeting and will take decisions and measures in response to the Israeli decisions and their escalation.

In her turn, Mrs. Barbara expressed the US administration's concern about the security situation, and talked about the US efforts exerted and the intensive contacts that are being conducted to calm the situation, and called on the two parties to return to the negotiating track and that she will consult with the two parties during her visit.

The meeting was attended by the Palestinian advisor Dr. Majdi Al-Khalidi. And from the US side, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Mr. Andrew Miller.

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# **Al-Sheikh: A fierce and open war is being waged against the Palestinian people**

A fierce and open war is being waged against the Palestinian people politically, security and economically by the occupation forces.

We are in the midst of a comprehensive battle on all fronts that requires the unity of our people in the face of this aggression.

And unprecedented decisions that must be taken in the emergency leadership meeting chaired by the President.

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# **Al-Sheikh: We decided to boycott the meeting of the Joint Economic Committee**

After the decision of the Israeli government to accelerate the stages of settlement growth in the West Bank, and to authorize its Minister of Finance, Smotrich, to ratify this.

We decided to boycott the meeting of the Joint Economic Committee JEC between the two parties, which was scheduled to be held tomorrow.

The Palestinian leadership will study a number of other measures and decisions for implementation related to the relationship with Israel.

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# **Al-Sheikh received the Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan**

Today I received the Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan, Mr. Yamada Shigeo and the representative of Japan in Palestine, Mr. Nakashima Yoichi.

I briefed them on the latest political developments in the Palestinian arena, stressing appreciation for the Japanese support in all sectors, political, economic and in development.

Their chairmanship of the G7 Group and the United Nations Security Council was welcomed, and I stressed the need to pressure the Israeli government to stop all unilateral measures.

I also expressed our gratitude for Japan's efforts in supporting the peace process.

In their turn, they stressed the continuous support for the establishment of a prosperous, independent and sovereign Palestinian state, and affirmed their support for the negotiating path to reach the two-state solution on the basis of international legitimacy.

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# **Al-Sheikh received the EU**

# **Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process**

This Wednesday morning, I received the EU Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Sven Koopmans, and the EU Representative, Mr. Sven von Burgsdorff.

Where I briefed the delegation on the latest political developments in the Palestinian arena, stressing the need to intensify European efforts to pressure the Israeli government to revive the peace process and implement international legitimacy. On the European side, the EU have stressed their continued support for the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian state.

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## **Al-Sheikh met with Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs**

Today, Wednesday, I met with Mr. Hady Amr, Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs and his accompanying delegation.

We discussed many issues, the latest political developments, and the continuous Israeli escalation. And called on him to pressure the Israeli government to stop all unilateral measures, and discussed many other Palestinian-American bilateral issues.

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# **Al-Sheikh met with Chinese Ambassador**

Today I met with Chinese Ambassador H.E. Mr Zeng Jixin. I discussed with him the historical bilateral relations between the two countries, and the continued Chinese support for the rights of the Palestinian people.

And the preparations for the visit of His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas, which is expected in the middle of this month to China, to discuss issues and developments in the region and Palestinian-Chinese relations.

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# **Al-Sheikh met the French Consul General**

Today I met the French Consul General, Mr. René Troccáz.

We discussed regional and international issues and files, in addition to bilateral relations, and the latest political developments in the Palestinian arena.