

# **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh Meets with Greek Prime Minister to Discuss Developments in Palestine and the Region**

Athens – April 17, 2026 – His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, heading a high-level Palestinian delegation in the presence of the Head of the Palestinian General Intelligence Service, Majid Faraj, the President's Advisor, Majdi Al Khalidi, and the Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Greece, Yussef Dorkhom. met with Greek Prime Minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis in Athens.

Al Sheikh conveyed H.E. President Mahmoud Abbas's greetings and his deep appreciation for the friendly relations between the two countries and peoples, as well as his appreciation for Greece's supportive stances towards Palestine in international forums and its humanitarian assistance.

The two sides discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and reviewed the latest developments in the Palestinian territories and the region. Al Sheikh emphasized the threat of the ongoing Israeli escalation in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, driven by settlement expansion, annexation attempts, and settler terrorism, and called for the immediate release of Palestinian clearance revenues withheld by Israel.

Al Sheikh called for the freedom of access for worshippers to the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and for the preservation of the legal and historical status quo of the holy sites, while highlighting the catastrophic

humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, given the ongoing siege and closure of crossings.

The Vice President reiterated the State of Palestine's welcome of President Trump's plan and UN Security Council Resolution 2803, emphasizing the importance of activating the liaison office between the Palestinian government and the executive bodies of the Board of Peace. Also, stressed the importance of implementing the second phase, proceeding with recovery and reconstruction efforts toward a political solution in line with international legitimacy.

Furthermore, His Excellency stressed the unity of the Palestinian territory in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, rejecting any attempts to separate the Gaza Strip as it's an integral part of the State of Palestine. He reaffirmed the commitment to the principle of one state, one law, and one legitimate armed force, as well as the need to unify Palestinian institutions in Gaza and the West Bank under the umbrella of the Palestinian government.

In addition, Al Sheikh reaffirmed the commitment to advancing reform programs as a national priority, also reiterated the State of Palestine's support for a ceasefire and full solidarity with the Gulf States and Jordan in safeguarding their sovereignty, security, and stability against any aggression.

Also, welcomed the ceasefire in Lebanon, affirming support for its sovereignty and stability, and expressed the State of Palestine's appreciation for Pakistani mediation efforts aimed at achieving a lasting ceasefire.

Finally, they emphasized the importance of continued political coordination with Greece and the European Union, as well as joint efforts to implement the two-state solution, and renewed the call for Greece to recognize the State of Palestine as a step toward achieving peace.

Earlier, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between the Palestinian delegation, led by H.E. the Vice President Mr. Hussein Al Sheikh, and H.E. Greek Foreign Minister Mr. Giorgos Gerapetritis.

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## **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh welcomes the truce agreement between the United States of America and Iran**

Ramallah – 8 April 2026 His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, welcomed the truce agreement reached between the United States of America and Iran, considering it as a step towards reinforcing security and stability in the region.

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## **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh Condemns Knesset's Approval of a Law Imposing the Death Penalty on**

# **Palestinian Prisoners**

Ramallah—March 30, 2026—His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, strongly condemned the Israeli Knesset's approval of a law imposing the death penalty on Palestinian prisoners.

Al Sheikh described this law as a dangerous escalation, a blatant challenge to international humanitarian law and international legitimacy, and a racist legislation.

At the same time, Al Sheikh called on the international community to act to protect Palestinian prisoners in the occupation's prisons from the policies of the extremist occupation government.

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## **Al Sheikh: Palestine Welcomes the Activation of the Arab Collective Defense and Economic Cooperation Treaty**

Ramallah – March 15, 2026 – In a statement issued today, Sunday, His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, welcomed the activation of the 1950 Arab Collective Defense and Economic Cooperation Treaty, considering it an important framework for enhancing Arab solidarity, preserving Arab national security, in confronting the challenges that threaten the stability of the region, and in a manner consistent with the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter.

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# **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh calls on the international community to intervene to protect innocent Palestinians**

Ramallah, March 8, 2026 – On Sunday, Vice President of the State of Palestine Hussein Al Sheikh called on the international community to intervene immediately to protect innocent Palestinians and to take serious punitive measures against the perpetrators of these terrorist acts.

This came in the wake of a major escalation of settler terrorism in the West Bank, most recently with the brutal attack on innocent civilians in the village of Abu Falah near Ramallah, which killed three and wounded seven. This follows previous terrorist attacks on the village of Qaryut and Wadi al-Rakhim east of Yatta, as well as other acts of terrorism, including road closures, checkpoints, and incursions.

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# **Vice President Hussein Sheikh discusses ongoing**

# **developments in the region with Egyptian Foreign Minister**

Ramallah, 1 March 2026 – In a phone call, His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, discussed with His Excellency Mr. Badr Abdelatty, Egyptian Foreign Minister, the latest developments in the region that threaten security and stability, and the need for continued Arab coordination to confront the current challenges.

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# **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh condemns Iranian attacks on the State of Kuwait**

Ramallah, 28 February 2026 – His Excellency Mr. Hussein Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, had a phonecall with with His Excellency the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

During the call, Al Sheikh reiterated his condemnation and denunciation of the Iranian attacks against the State of Kuwait and our solidarity and support for our Arab brothers.

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# **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh condemns Iranian attacks on Arab countries**

Ramallah, 28 February 2026 – His Excellency Mr. Hussein Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, held telephone conversations with his brothers, the Foreign Ministers of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan, the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, His Excellency Ayman Safadi, and the Bahraini Foreign Minister, His Excellency Abdullatif Al-Zayani, expressing his condemnation of the Iranian attacks on Arab capitals.

Al Sheikh affirmed the State of Palestine's complete solidarity with its Arab brothers.

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# **Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh welcomes Mladenov's announcement of the establishment of a liaison office with the Palestinian Authority**

Ramallah, February 20, 2026 – His Excellency Mr. Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, welcomed Mr.

Nikolay Mladenov's announcement of the establishment of the Palestinian Authority's liaison office, which will provide an official channel for coordination and communication between the Board of Peace's Representative's office and the Palestinian Authority to implement President Trump's plan and Security Council Resolution 2803.

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## **Al Sheikh discusses prospects for strengthening development partnership with UNDP Administrator**

Ramallah, February 15, 2026 – Vice President of the State of Palestine Hussein Al Sheikh met today, Sunday, with UNDP Administrator Alexander de Croo, in the presence of the UNDP Special Representative for Assistance to the Palestinian People, Dr. Jaco Cilliers.

During the meeting, they discussed humanitarian and economic developments in the Palestinian territories, with a particular focus on the Gaza Strip and the development aspect in the West Bank.

Al Sheikh demonstrated the unprecedented scale of destruction in the Gaza Strip and the urgent need to accelerate early recovery efforts and rehabilitate infrastructure, including the water, sanitation, electricity, and health sectors. In addition to emphasizing the need to provide immediate job opportunities to revitalize the local economy and alleviate the worsening humanitarian crisis. He stressed that supporting the resilience of our people in Gaza requires large-scale

development interventions, coordinated with national parties, to ensure an effective and sustainable response.

The meeting also addressed the serious repercussions of the blockade and economic measures imposed on the West Bank, their impact on various productive and service sectors, and the resulting economic pressure that increases unemployment rates and undermines the ability of institutions to continue operating.

Al Sheikh emphasized the importance of expanding programs to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), empowering youth and women, and strengthening social protection, all of which contribute to reduce the effects of the economic blockade.

Mr De Croo affirmed UNDP's commitment to continuing its work in the State of Palestine and intensifying its programs in the areas of economic recovery, capacity building, and community support. He also noted the importance of close partnership with the Palestinian government to ensure that interventions align with national priorities, supporting recovery efforts in Gaza and contributing to enhanced economic and social stability in the West Bank, within a sustainable development vision that serves the aspirations of the Palestinian people.