

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.

Al Sheikh holds an expanded meeting with Arab and Foreign ambassadors and diplomatic missions and international organizations to discuss Israeli escalation

Ramallah – 10/02/2026 – Today, Tuesday, the Vice President of the State of Palestine, Hussein Al Sheikh, held an expanded meeting in Ramallah with ambassadors from Arab and foreign countries, heads of diplomatic missions, and representatives of international organizations operating in Palestine, to discuss the ongoing Israeli escalation and its serious repercussions on the political and humanitarian situations.

Al Sheikh briefed the attendees on the latest developments concerning the practices of the Israeli occupation, particularly the continued aggression against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, accompanied by siege, starvation, and unprecedented humanitarian suffering. In addition, he addressed the escalating settler attacks in the West Bank, the ongoing land confiscation policies, and the withholding of Palestinian funds, which has led to a financial and economic crisis, in flagrant violation of international law and resolutions of international legitimacy.

During the meeting, Al Sheikh affirmed the commitment to moving forward with promoting democracy in Palestine, holding elections at all levels, implementing reforms, combating corruption, and drafting a constitution for the State of Palestine, thus completing the decades-long process of transitioning from an authority to a state.

Al Sheikh also reviewed the recent decisions of the Israeli cabinet, which represent an explicit renunciation of signed commitments and agreements, and a direct undermining of all international covenants and treaties, warning of the repercussions of these policies on the prospects for achieving security and stability in the region.

During the meeting, Al Sheikh stressed the necessity for the international community to assume its legal and moral responsibilities and exert real and effective pressure on the occupation government to halt its aggression and ongoing violations, respect international law, and guarantee respect for the sovereignty of the internationally recognized State of Palestine. He also emphasized that continued international silence encourages the occupation to persist in its aggressive and settlement policies. Mere condemnation and denunciation are no longer sufficient, and the international community must take clear and deterrent measures that genuinely contribute to the implementation of international law and resolutions of international legitimacy, ultimately leading to the

establishment of the State of Palestine.

Al Sheikh: We urged all State institutions not to engage with the occupation's measures and reject them

Ramallah – 10/02/2026 – On Tuesday, H.E. the Vice President of the State of Palestine, Mr. Hussein Al Sheikh, said in a statement that the Palestinian leadership has called on all civil and security institutions in the State of Palestine not to engage with the occupation's measures and to reject them, while adhering to the Palestinian laws in force in the State of Palestine, in accordance with international law and signed agreements.

Al Sheikh added: "We urge the Palestinian people to remain steadfast and resilient on their homeland, and to categorically reject dealing with the occupation's laws, most recently those approved by the Israeli government a few days ago, which contradict international law and the agreements signed with the Palestine Liberation Organization."

He further renewed his call on the international community to take a firm stand against Israel's extreme-right government and its expansionist, racist, and settler-colonial occupation policies.

Al Sheikh calls for international and regional action to discuss dangerous occupation decisions

Ramallah – 09/02/2026 – His Excellency Hussein Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, demanded that the Arab League Council, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the Security Council to hold emergency sessions to discuss the dangerous decisions of the Israeli government and adopt an Arab-Islamic-international stance that condemns these measures and demands that the Israeli government retract them immediately.

Al Sheikh: Israel's decisions to deepen annexation undermine international agreements and constitute a blatant violation of international law

Ramallah – 08/02/2026 – In a statement on Sunday, His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, said that what is being circulated about impending Israeli decisions to deepen annexation and impose new

realities in the West Bank, including in Area A, constitutes a nullification of all signed and binding agreements between the parties and represents a dangerous escalation and a blatant violation of international law.

Al Sheikh also pointed out that these unilateral measures aim to undermine any political horizon, dismantle the two-state solution, and drag the region into further tension and instability.

The Vice President called on the U.S. administration and the international community to intervene immediately to halt this occupation-driven aggression.

Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh Receives the Turkish Ambassador to the State of Palestine

Ramallah | 4 February 2026 -Today, Wednesday, H.E. the Vice President of the State of Palestine, Mr. Hussein Al Sheikh, received H.E. the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to the State of Palestine, Mr. İsmail Çobanoğlu, to discuss the latest political and international developments.

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed the evolving situation in the Palestinian territories in light of the continued blockade and the worsening humanitarian conditions. They stressed the urgent need to lift the blockade, ensure the immediate entry of humanitarian assistance to our besieged people in Gaza, and put an end to the systematic violations committed by settlers against civilians in the West Bank.

H.E. the Vice President commended Türkiye's supportive role toward the Palestinian people and its efforts to alleviate their suffering. H.E. Ambassador Çobanoğlu, in turn, reaffirmed his country's steadfast and continued support for the Palestinian cause.

Al Sheikh: Israel's Frenzied Campaign Against UNRWA Threatens to Halt Humanitarian Work for Large Segments of Our People

Ramallah | 29 January 2026 – The Vice President of the State of Palestine, H.E. Mr. Hussein Al Sheikh, said in a statement that “Israel's frenzied campaign against UNRWA institutions in Palestine threatens to bring an end to the humanitarian work these institutions provide to large segments of the Palestinian people.”

Al Sheikh commended the positions taken by many countries around the world that have condemned this campaign and called on Israel to immediately cease its measures. He urged other friendly states to adopt firm stances and actions against the Israeli government, which continues its occupation policies, including demolition and destruction, settler violence, the confiscation of funds, ongoing settlement expansion, land seizures, and the torture of prisoners—constituting a blatant challenge to international norms and laws, as well as to international legitimacy resolutions and humanitarian and human rights bodies.

He added, "The world must amplify its voice and tell the occupying government: enough. There should be no appeasement toward this occupation."

Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh discusses latest political and humanitarian developments with British and French consuls

Ramallah, 19 January 2026 – Vice President of the State of Palestine Hussein Al Sheikh discussed the latest political and humanitarian developments with British Consul General, HE Ms. Helen Winterton, and the French Consul General, HE Mr. Nicolas Kassianides on the latest political and humanitarian developments, in the wake of the announcement of the Board of Peace, its Executive Board, and the Technocratic Committee, established in implementation of U.S. President's plan and UN Security Council Resolution 2803.

During the meeting, Al Sheikh underscored the importance of moving forward with political efforts aimed at achieving stability, in a manner that ensures the return of the Palestinian Authority to assume its full responsibilities in the Gaza Strip.

The Vice President stressed the significance of political and legal linkage between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip within the framework of the unity of land and institutions, and to work toward preventing the resumption of war. He emphasized

the urgency of accelerating the entry of humanitarian assistance to provide relief to our people, supporting reconstruction efforts.

Al Sheikh also stressed the necessity of halting settler attacks in the West Bank, affirming that the continuation of these violations undermines prospects for stability and contravenes international law and legitimacy.

Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh welcomes efforts to move to the second phase in Gaza

Ramallah, January 14, 2026 – His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, welcomed the efforts undertaken by President Donald Trump, Special Envoy for Peace Mr. Steve Witkoff, Mr. Jared Kushner and the US teams and Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, Qatar, and Turkey, aimed at moving to the second phase in the Gaza Strip and forming the Palestinian Committee for the Administration of Gaza during this transitional phase.

Al Sheikh emphasized Palestine's firm stance on the need to maintain the ceasefire, expedite the delivery of humanitarian aid, open the crossings, begin recovery and reconstruction, ensure Israeli withdrawal, and preserve the unity of the country and its people.

Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh discusses current political and economic developments with the European Union

Ramallah, 13/01/2026 – Today, Tuesday, His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, discussed current political and economic developments with a delegation from the European Union, amid the escalating situation in the occupied Palestinian territory.

The delegation included Mr. Alexander Stutzmann, EU Representative; Mr. Christian Berger, Director of the EEAS Crisis Response Center; Mr. James Rizzo, Deputy EU Representative in Palestine; and Mr. Shadi Othman, Media Officer. The meeting was also attended on the Palestinian side by Presidential Spokesperson HE Mr. Nabil Abu Rudeineh, Major General Rislwan Shihrahim, Advisor to the Vice President, and Mrs. Ayah AlMuhisin, Chief of Staff to the Vice President.

During the meeting, Al Sheikh stressed the need to move to the second phase of the plan announced by US President Donald Trump, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2803, to help consolidate the calm and initiate a genuine political horizon. At the same time, he emphasized the necessity of urgent and unhindered entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, given the catastrophic humanitarian conditions faced by our people, and underscored the importance of politically and legally linking the West Bank and Gaza as the foundation of

the territorial unity of the Palestinian state.

He also highlighted the vital European role in supporting political and economic efforts aimed at achieving stability and safeguarding the rights of the Palestinian people in accordance with international law and resolutions of international legitimacy, reaffirming that interim solutions cannot replace a political process that ends the occupation and achieves a just and lasting peace.

For their part, EU representatives reaffirmed the European Union's commitment to continuing its support for the Palestinian people and institutions, strengthening its partnership with the Palestinian leadership, addressing urgent humanitarian needs, and supporting efforts toward stability.