

PLO Secretary-General urges reversal of funding cuts to UNRWA by some countries

In response to several countries announcing their withdrawal of funding for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Hussein Al-Sheikh, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), has called for an immediate reconsideration of this decision.

In a press statement, Al-Sheikh expressed concerns over the potentially severe political and humanitarian consequences associated with such a move. "We urge the countries that have declared a halt to their support for the UNRWA to immediately reverse their decision, which carries significant political and humanitarian risks."

He emphasized the critical importance of international assistance, especially during ongoing Israeli war against the Palestinian people.

"At a time like this, amid the continued aggression against the Palestinian population, we are in desperate need of support rather than cutting off crucial aid and assistance for this international organization," he added.

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Hussein Al-Sheikh, the Secretary-General of the PLO Executive Committee, has strongly rejected any deductions from the tax funds Israeli collects on behalf of the Palestinian Authority, and which may hinder the ability of the PA to fulfill its obligations towards the Palestinian people in Gaza.

“Any reduction in our financial rights or any conditions imposed by Israel that may hinder the Palestinian National Authority from providing for our people in Gaza is rejected by us,” Al-Sheikh said in a press statement.

Al-Sheikh urged the international community “to halt this practice of piracy and theft of Palestinian funds and compel Israel to transfer all our funds” without any deductions.

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All scenarios proposed by the occupation politicians and leaders are doomed to fail.

The comprehensive solution and the departure of the occupation

is our choice, our program and our strategy.

Al-Sheikh met with the German National Security Advisor

Today, Thursday, I met with the German National Security Advisor, Mr. Plotner, where we discussed the latest developments and the war in Gaza and its repercussions, and the developments in the West Bank.

Al-Sheikh: Netanyahu's statement on Philadelphi Route requires a unified Palestinian-Arab decision

Hussein Al-Sheikh, the Secretary-General of the PLO Executive Committee, asserted today that Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's recent statements about Israel's intention to regain control over the Philadelphi Route and the Rafah border crossing is indicative of Israel's plan to re-occupy the Gaza Strip.

Al-Sheikh, in a concise statement on X, said he views this move as "a blatant violation of agreements with Egypt and a termination of all agreements with the PLO."

Al-Sheikh emphasized the need for “a unified Palestinian and Arab decision to confront the repercussions of this aggressive war.” He highlighted “Netanyahu’s attempts to impose new facts on the ground through these military actions,” calling for a collective response to safeguard Palestinian rights and resist such unilateral measures.

<https://twitter.com/HusseinSheikhpl/status/1741404931846705569>

Al-Sheikh: Biden’s statements must transform into actions

US President Biden’s statements yesterday must transform into actions, starting with calling for an immediate ceasefire and putting forward a comprehensive political plan based on international legitimacy and international law, ending the occupation and establishing an independent Palestinian state.

Al-Sheikh: Netanyahu’s statement confirms that his war is against all Palestinians

Netanyahu’s statement, which equates the Oslo Accords with what happened on October 7th, confirms that his war is against all Palestinians, and we say to Netanyahu that Oslo died under

the tracks of his tanks that are sweeping through all our cities, villages and camps from Jenin to Rafah.

Al-Sheikh met with the Director of the Middle East and North Africa Region at the German Foreign Ministry

Today, Thursday, I met with the Director of the Middle East and North Africa Region at the German Foreign Ministry, Mr. Tobias Tunkel, and the German Representative to Palestine, His Excellency Ambassador Oliver Owczar.

During the meeting, the latest developments were discussed, the most important of which is the necessity of achieving a humanitarian pause for longer periods in the Gaza Strip, in addition to the necessity of finding a solution to the financial crisis, and emphasizing the rejection of the current escalation of settler violence in the West Bank.

The importance of reaching a political solution based on international legitimacy, the two-state solution, and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital were emphasized.

Al-Sheikh met with members of the G7+1

Today, Wednesday, I met with members of the G7+1 in my office. We discussed the latest developments on the field on the sixth day of the humanitarian pause, and fifty-three days after the launch of the brutal Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip.

The possibilities of extending longer pause periods, the possibilities of definitively ending the war in the Gaza Strip, and the situation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem were also discussed, in addition to the financial crisis that the Palestinian Authority is currently facing.

The seven countries, represented by Japan, the United States, the European Union, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Canada + Norway, affirmed their firm and supportive position for the two-state solution.

Al-Sheikh met with His Excellency Ambassador Michel Rentenaar

Today, I met with His Excellency Ambassador Michel Rentenaar.

On the fourth day of the humanitarian truce, forty-nine days after the brutal Israeli aggression in the Gaza Strip, and in light of the continuation and escalation of the stifling practices and occupation violations of the rights of the Palestinian people in all their places of existence , we

discussed the recent developments in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, as ways to confront the Israeli repressive practices in the West Bank, and ending the war in the Gaza Strip.

We have also discussed the important and effective role of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in establishing and implementing the two-state solution on the ground, and establishing an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.