

## Statement by Al-Fateh to The United Nations General Assembly

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tack it, particularly that colonialists, the enemies of humanity and justice and men imbued with ambition, are opposing it with viciousness.

The Palestine resistance movement, led and manned by Al-Fateh, is very similar to the heroic resistance movements to the German occupation of several European countries during World War Two, namely, the resistance movements in France, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Romania and others. The allied nations, and the Free World, considering these resistance movements to be just, lawful, sacred and deserving support by all free men, hastened to support and assist them by all ways and means.

Al-Fateh, therefore, is at a loss to understand why certain European and American countries take a stand towards the Palestine resistance movement, utterly and diametrically opposed to the stand taken towards the aformentioned European resistance movements.

4. Al-Fatch wishes to declare once again that it is determined to continue this struggle against the foreign occupation of Palestine, no matter how long it takes and how enormous the sacrifices and arduous the burdens are. Confident that the Arab peoples and the free men of the world stand by its side and support its efforts and activities, Al-Fatch hopes that those peoples and states, which oppose its just cause and movement, will change their stand and alter their attitude, freeing themselves from the effects of deceptive propaganda and distortions, by supporting this lawful, just and human movement.

5. Al-Fatch declares further, on behalf and in the name of the Palestinian Arab people, that it upholds the demands and supports the objectives of these people, namely,

- A. The liberation of the whole of Palestine from foreign occupation and aggression.
- B. The formation of an independent, democratic, sovereign Palestinian state, wherein all legitimate and legal inhabitants share equal rights, irrespective of religion or language.

Al-Fatch will never give up its struggle or desist from its

activities until the goals of the Palestinian Arab people are achieved.

Whereas the Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967, entails the greatest harm and damage to the rights of the Palestinian Arabs and violates the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

And whereas the implementation of the said resolution will lead to the loss of every hope for the establishment of peace and security in Palestine and the Middle East region,

Therefore, Al-Fatch rejects the said Security Council resolution and asserts that acceptance thereof by any of the parties concerned will not be binding upon the Palestinian Arab people and will never deter them or prevent them from continuing their sacred task to resist foreign occupation and liberate their stolen homeland from the usurpers.

6. Peace in Palestine is not possible nor will it prevail except through agreement with the Palestinian Arab people on their return to their homeland.

The repatriation of these people to their country is a just and lawful matter approved and resolved many times by the United Nations. Any disregard of this right will only render the efforts to establish peace in Palestine impossible.

The Palestine national liberation movement is greatly concerned over the matter of repatriating the Arabs of Palestine to their homeland. It considers this matter as one of the cardinal principles and therefore has resorted to arms for the achievement of this objective.

7. Our movement takes this opportunity to appeal to the representatives of the peoples of the world and to call upon them to take a clear and frank stand in respect of the cause of the displaced Palestinian people. The Palestine National Liberation Movement hopes that the United Nations will take the necessary measures to implement its successive previous resolutions for the repatriation of the people of Palestine to their homeland.

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