



*\* Calls upon the international community to pressure Israel in terminating its nuclear weapons program by joining the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), and putting all its nuclear institutions under surveillance and inspection by the International Agency for Nuclear Energy in its capacity, as a vital step towards making the Middle East void of mass destruction weapons, including nuclear weapons.*

*\* Condemns the continued atrocities committed by Israel and its violation of human rights principles, the Geneva Convention, and the expropriation of Jerusalem lands for settling purposes.*

*\* Calls upon all the member states at the United Nations to abide by UN Security Council resolution 478 to refrain from moving their diplomatic missions to Jerusalem, since this would be in contradiction with the basis of the peace process.*

*\* Reiterates the full commitment of the Islamic Information media with the resolutions of the 7th Islamic Conference held in Casablanca, Morocco. The participants were Libya, Iraq, Kuwait, Somalia, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Guana, Kashmir, Aderbijan, and Iran.*

*\* Invites the ministerial follow-up committee established by the conference to follow-up the implementation of the resolutions adopted by this conference, outline the means of realizing its objectives, and empowering it with modifying the programs and projects of the information plan to what may produce the best results.*

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## **MINISTRY ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

The following are just some of the many activities of the various PNA Ministries in the West Bank and Gaza Strip:

### **\*Postal and Communication Ministry:**

**\*Postal and Communication Ministry in Jericho, issued a local stamp in the Arabic and English language with the inscription, "National Authority - Jericho District". It will be used for two months until Jericho receives the official stamp from Gaza.**

**\*The Ministry also signed a protocol agreement with its counterparts in Jordan and Egypt dealing with postal services, but the Israeli authorities obstructed the accord by prohibiting the postal vehicles from carrying the postal packages.**

**Our right to Jerusalem is not only protected by history, but also by international law supported by UN resolutions, and by international legitimacy recognizing East Jerusalem as Palestinian occupied territory.**

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## **THE MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AT THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC NATIONS HELD A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA**

**The Ministers of Information at the Organization of the Islamic Congress held two day conference which convened on 25 and 26 May 1995, in the Syrian capital. The conference adopted a number of important decisions, the most important of which was the condemnation of all forms of terror regardless of its source, motives and purpose. The conference also called for the laying down of international criteria to distinguish between terror and the right of people to struggle against occupation and for the right of self determination and independence.**

**The conference also discussed the unjust campaign launched against Islam aimed at distorting the real picture of Islam and Muslims, and means of challenging this campaign through the manifestation of the principles and values of Islam, which magnifies the principles of peace and equality among all the peoples of the world.**

**The conference voiced its support for the peace process in the Middle East in order to achieve a just and lasting peace which would guarantee a full Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, and the other occupied Arab territories. The conference condemned the Israeli violations in the occupied territories, with special emphasis on the question of Jewish settling activities.**

**The following is the full text of the final statement:**

*The Third Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Information convened in Damascus on 25 and 26 May 1995, reiterates its full commitment to the outcome of the 7th Islamic Conference held in Casablanca, Morocco on 10 and 11 December 1994, is holding its meetings at a significant period characterized by tremendous developments and transformations, on the international political, economic, social, cultural, and information levels. While expressing its deep conviction regarding the role and responsibilities of the information media in the service and defense of the causes of the Islamic peoples, particularly in view of the ever increasing development in the technology of modern information media and stemming from the above facts, the final statement highlight the following points:*

**The Israeli government is to be held responsible for these developments. Israel can choose between blowing up the whole peace process if it continues to back the demands of settlers, or work for its success by agreeing to dismantle these settlements and relocating settlers from the West Bank and Gaza to Israel.**

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## **JUNE 1967 - JUNE 1995 PALESTINIAN EAST JERUSALEM CITY IN CAPTIVITY**

**Israel's concepts, policies, and practices in Jerusalem can be summarized in one sentence: The judaization of the Holy City, its land, its population, its history, and its culture. This judaization began with the emergence of the State of Israel in 1948, intensified in the wake of the 1967 war, and has continued ever since. In this framework, it is imperative to recall basic fundamental facts about the Holy City.**

**Jerusalem was founded by the Canaanites in 1800 BC. The Canaanites were the earliest inhabitants of Palestine, and are thought to have settled in this country about 3000BC. Unlike the Canaanites, the Israelites were not indigenous of Palestine, but came to this country about 1200 BC. after their long exodus from Egypt.**

**Since its unilateral annexation in 1967, Israel has been taking measures to create facts on the ground. In 1967, the Israeli occupiers began erecting multistory concrete blocks of flats around the city to house Jewish immigrants, distorting in the process Jerusalem's historical view, wasting its natural beauty, and changing its divine character.**

**The Israeli occupiers succeeded in changing the demography in Jerusalem by confiscating large portions of Palestinian Arab land, their despicable practices did not stop at that. In the early days of the occupation in 1969, an Australian Jew was convicted of setting the Al-Aqsa mosque on fire, the southern face of the mosque together with Salah Eldin minaret and prayer place was burned to the ground.**

**The Israeli occupation authorities have never ceased their clandestine digging operations underneath the Aqsa mosque, conducted by the Israeli Department of Antiquities. Excavations underneath the Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock, "The second most holy shrine in Islam", are ultimately designed to weaken the mosque's foundations, causing them in the long run to give way, and for the mosque to cave in and collapse. These diggings and excavations are taking place in many areas, the most dangerous of all are:**

## **No Limit To Settler Harassment and Land Expropriation Campaign Continues**

The so-called Israeli "Nature Protection Unit" is currently engaged in implementing a series of military orders that were issued by the Israeli government during 1994, confiscating thousands of dunums owned by Palestinians in the northwestern part of Ramallah city.

The first action initiated by this unit occurred Wednesday, 24 May 1995, when hundreds of olive trees were uprooted at the Arab villages of Aboud and Shokba. These trees are owned by Mr. Khaled S. El Masri, Jadallah Yasin, Botrus Ibrahim and Saleem Mousa. Mr. Basim Shalish, member of Land Defense Committee at Shokba village commented on this new development saying, "Uprooting olive seedlings is being carried out within the framework of an Israeli plan to confiscate thousands of dunums(4 dunums = 1 acre) at the Palestinian villages of Aboud, Shokba, Libban Gharbiya, Rantis and Bodros.

On 25 May 1995, the same unit was instructed to uproot 300 olive seedlings at Wadi Abu Shaheen area owned by villagers at Irtas and Wadi Rahal, near Bethlehem, under the pretext that the area had been confiscated since 1982. The Israeli claim was refuted by the affected land owners who said that the expropriation decision was only known to them 24 hours beforehand. The 500 dunums expropriated by virtue of a military decree, will be utilized to expand the existing frontiers of Efrat settlement, southeast of Bethlehem, where the Israeli bulldozers are working around the clock to open a new by-pass road.

### **The Assaults Continue**

Israeli settlers have attempted to expand the existing area of their settlements at the expense of adjacent Palestinian lands. Jewish settlers at Nofim and Emmanuel settlements, built over land expropriated from Deir Istyya village southwest of Nablus city have erected a new barbed wire fence thus confiscating more lands to their two settlements. The settlers of Yakir, also established near the latter two settlements, an 8 kilometer water pipeline causing damage to a large area of fertile land in the region.

In Hebron, Jewish settlers continued their aggression against Palestinian citizens in the city. Extremist settlers at Qiryat Arba' settlement raided the National Hospital in Hebron on 24 May 1995, disguising themselves in surgeons uniforms. Yakob Yamini, Commander in Chief of the Israeli police in Hebron announced that the Jewish settlers are at continuous confrontation with the Israeli occupation forces. In a press statement published on Sunday 28 May 1995, Yamini stated that many settlers send their sons to be used as shields when confronting the Israeli army.

**Fourth: Putting security before peace, is like putting the cart before the horse. It has been demonstrated that serious steps taken to achieve peace involve confidence building measures between the Palestinian and Israeli peoples which will ultimately create security for both sides.**

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**PALESTINE WEEKLY REVIEW INTERVIEWS DR. SAEB ERIKAT,  
MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PALESTINE NATIONAL  
AUTHORITY**

**Israel is relinquishing its previous demands for direct involvement in the work of the international observers mission assigned with the supervising the anticipated Palestinian elections. In a statement to the Palestine Weekly Review, Dr. Saeb Erikat, Minister of Local Government in the Palestinian National Authority, announced, "A final agreement on the question of Palestinian elections remains questionable unless the issue of participation by Jerusalem's residents is solved".**

**The Palestinian delegation to the Cairo talks presented a formal working paper during the last round of talks with the Israelis concerning election arrangements, including the following demands:**

**\* The participation of all the Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip in free, public elections, in order to elect a legislative council and the president of the Palestinian National Authority(PNA).**

**\* The participation of all Palestinians residing in East Jerusalem.**

**\* For the purpose of electing a legislative council and the president of the PNA, the East Jerusalem polling centers will be outlined by virtue of drawings to be released at a later stage. Such drawings will be inconsistent with the Israeli sketches which include the illegal annexation of East Jerusalem by virtue of two successive Israeli decrees issued in 1967 and 1980 respectively.**

**\* The electorate process consists of the following procedures:**

- 1. Enrolling voters.**
- 2. Registration of candidates.**
- 3. Opening electorate bureaus dealing with sorting out problems or complaints.**
- 4. Performance of election campaigns.**
- 5. Outlining locations of balloting posts.**

**\* Arrangements and structure of the election process in East Jerusalem should be in conformity with the Palestinian elections code which will be applicable throughout the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.**

