

הודעה לעיתונות - 7 במרץ 1996

**פקידים פלסטינים קיימו 80 פגישות דיפלומטיות ב"אורינט-האוס"
מאז כינון הרשות הפלסטינית
30 מדינות שלחו נציגים**

מאז כינון הרשות הפלסטינית ב-4 במאי 1994, קיימו פקידים פלסטינים 80 פגישות דיפלומטיות ב"אורינט-האוס" בירושלים, כך מראה תחקיר "מבט לשלום". נציגים של לפחות 30 מדינות השתתפו בפגישות אלה. ביקור של עוזר שר החוץ הבריטי ב"אורינט-האוס" ב-28 בפברואר 1996 היווה את המפגש ה-80 בסדרת ביקורים זו.

הצהרת העקרונות ב-13 בספטמבר 1993, והסכם עזה-יריחו ב-4 במאי 1994, אשר הניחו את היסוד לכינון הרשות הפלסטינית, מגבילים את מיקומם של משרדי הרשות הפלסטינית לאזורים שתחת שטח השיפוט של הרשות. סעיף 7 של הסכם אוסלו ב' מה-28 בספטמבר 1995 כולל אף הוא הגבלות דומות. "מבט לשלום" קבע כי ה"אורינט-האוס" הינו מוסד של הרשות הפלסטינית וזאת בהסתמך על תפקידו כמרכז לפגישות דיפלומטיות עבור בכירים ברשות הפלסטינית. לכן, פעילות דיפלומטית של הרשות הפלסטינית ב"אורינט-האוס" בירושלים סותרת את הסכמי אוסלו.

"מבט לשלום" מצא כי ב-1994 אירח ה"אורינט-האוס" 43 מפגשים דיפלומטיים, ב-1995 נערכו 50 מפגשים כאלה, וב-1996 נערכו עד עתה 11 מפגשים במקום. במהלך השנתיים האחרונות נערכה לפחות פגישה דיפלומטית אחת ב"אורינט-האוס" בכל חודש, והיו חודשים בהם נערכו כ-10 פגישות כאלה.

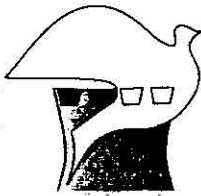
על-פי תחקיר "מבט לשלום", מאז החתימה על הסכם עזה-יריחו, פקידים פלסטינים ב"אורינט-האוס" אירחו ביקור אחד של ראש ממשלה (טורקיה), שני ביקורים של סגני ראש-ממשלה (רוסיה והודו), 13 ביקורים של שרי-חוץ, 6 ביקורים של סגני שרי-חוץ ו-10 ביקורים של שרים אחרים. זאת בנוסף לביקורים של קונסולים ושגרירים. בין המדינות ששלחו שרים ל"אורינט-האוס" נמצאות רוסיה, גרמניה, צרפת, קנדה, דרום-אפריקה, מצרים, אוסטריה, ספרד, שבדיה, אירלנד, הולנד, הודו וטורקיה.

כמו-כן מספר ארגונים בין-לאומיים וממשלתיים שלחו נציגים להפגש עם הפקידים הפלסטינים ב"אורינט-האוס". בין הארגונים שקיימו מפגשים כאלה: האיחוד האירופי, האו"ם, ו-OPIIC (ארגון ממשלתי אמריקאי).

* לפרטים נוספים, או על-מנת לקבל רשימה מלאה של המפגשים הדיפלומטיים ב"אורינט-האוס", נא ליצור קשר עם מעטי ענברי טל.

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PEACE WATCH



מבט לשלום

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**Palestinian Officials Have Held 80 Diplomatic Meetings
at the Orient House Since the Establishment of the Palestinian Authority
30 Countries Have Sent Representatives**

Since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority (PA) on 4 May 1994, Palestinian officials have held 80 diplomatic meetings at the Orient House in Jerusalem, Peace Watch research shows. Representatives of at least 30 countries have taken part in these meetings. The visit to Orient House on 28 February 1996 by the British Assistant Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs marked the 80th such meeting.

The Declaration of Principles of 13 September 1993, and the Gaza-Jericho Agreement of 4 May 1994, which established the PA, both contain provisions limiting the placement of PA offices to areas under PA jurisdiction. Article I (7) of the Oslo 2 Accords of 28 September 1995 also contains a similar restriction. Peace Watch has determined that the Orient House is an official PA institution based on its role as a site for diplomatic meetings for senior PA figures. Thus, PA diplomatic activity at the Orient House in Jerusalem contradicts the Oslo Accords.

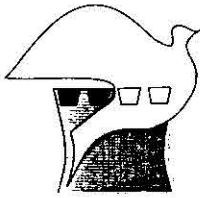
Peace Watch found that in 1994, the Orient House hosted 43 diplomatic meetings, while there were 50 such meetings in 1995 and, thus far in 1996, there have been 11 meetings at the site. During the past two years, at least one diplomatic meeting occurred in the Orient House every month, and there were months when as many as 10 such meetings took place.

According to Peace Watch research, since the signing of the Gaza-Jericho Agreement, Palestinian officials at the Orient House have hosted one visit by a Prime Minister (Turkey), two by Deputy Prime Ministers (Russia and India), 13 by Foreign Ministers, 6 by Deputy Foreign Ministers and 10 by other ministers, in addition to visits by consuls and ambassadors. Among the countries that have sent ministers to the Orient House are: Russia, Germany, France, Canada, South Africa, Egypt, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Ireland, Holland, India and Turkey.

In addition, several international and governmental organizations have sent representatives to meet with Palestinian officials at the Orient House. Among the organizations that have held such meetings are the European Union, the United Nations and the United States' Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

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Diplomatic Meetings at the Orient House Since the Signing of the Cairo Agreement

May 1994:

1. 5/5 -Meeting between a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein and a Dutch delegation headed by the **Dutch Minister of the Interior** regarding the provision of training to the Palestinian police and other services to the Palestinian Authority.
2. 5/24 -Meeting between a Palestinian economic delegation and a **French economic delegation** regarding joint economic projects and French assistance to the Palestinians.

June 1994:

3. 6/7 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and several **European ambassadors and representatives** regarding Jerusalem and economic issues.
4. 6/16 -Meeting between the **UN Secretary-General's special representative to the Middle East**, Terje Larsen, and Saeb Erakat regarding the release of Palestinian prisoners and financial assistance to the Palestinians.
5. 6/22 -Meeting between the **Deputy Prime Minister of India** and a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein regarding assistance to the Palestinians.
6. 6/23 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **French Minister of Religious Affairs** regarding the status of Jerusalem.
7. 6/30 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and several **foreign diplomats stationed in Israel** regarding Yasser Arafat's arrival in Gaza.

July 1994:

8. 7/10 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and Zakaria al-Araa and the **Canadian Minister of Labor**.

August 1994:

9. 8/11 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and **twelve foreign ambassadors and diplomats** stationed in Israel.
10. 8/31 -Meeting between senior Palestinian officials, headed by Feisal Hussein, and the **Egyptian Foreign Minister**, Amr Mussa, regarding Jerusalem, Palestinian prisoners and the peace process.

September 1994:

11. 9/2 -Meeting between Saeb Erakat and **six European diplomats**, regarding elections to the Palestinian autonomous council.

October 1994:

12. 10/3 -Meeting between the **Deputy Foreign Minister of Canada** and Feisal Hussein and Ziad Abu Ziad regarding the issue of refugees.
13. 10/25 -Meeting between a **delegation of the European Troika**, including the **Deputy Foreign Minister of Germany**, and a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein, regarding the peace process, Jerusalem and European investments in the territories.

November 1994:

14. 11/5 -Meeting between the **Turkish Prime Minister**, Tancu Miller, and a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein, regarding Israeli measures against Palestinians in Jerusalem.
15. 11/7 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **French Minister of Health**, Simone Weil.

December 1994:

16. 12/1 -Meeting between a Palestinian delegation and **foreign consuls** from the following countries: Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Belgium, Sweden and Turkey.
17. 12/12 -Visit by a delegation of **Belgian members of parliament**.
18. 12/19 -Visit by a delegation of **British members of parliament**, headed by the Chairman of the parliamentary committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense.
19. 12/20 -Visit by a group of **foreign consuls**.

January 1995:

20. 1/16 -Visit by a **Spanish Foreign Ministry delegation**.
21. 1/17 -Visit by a delegation from an **international labor federation**.
22. 1/24 -Visit by a **European Community delegation**.
23. 1/26 -Visit by the **Swedish Minister for International Cooperation**.

February 1995:

24. 2/9 -Visit by a **ministerial delegation of the European Troika**, including the French Foreign Minister, the Spanish Foreign Minister and the German Minister for European Affairs.
25. 2/25 -Visit by the **Norwegian Minister of Development and Economics**.

March 1995:

26. 3/6 -Visit by a delegation of **foreign consuls**.
27. 3/31 -Visit by the **Austrian Minister of Information**.

April 1995:

28. 4/3 -Visit by the **Deputy Prime Minister of Russia**.
29. 4/5 -Visit by a delegation from a **French political party**.
30. 4/25 -Visit by the **Jordanian Ambassador to Israel**, Marwan Muasher.

May 1995:

31. 5/1 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and **foreign consuls** regarding the expropriation of land by Israel.
32. 5/23 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and **foreign consuls** regarding the expropriation of land by Israel.
33. 5/24 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a **delegation of foreign diplomats** stationed in Israel regarding the expropriation of land by Israel and the peace process. At the meeting, representatives of the following countries were present: Holland, Germany, Brazil, Canada, South Africa, South Korea, Japan, China, Austria, Australia, Portugal and the Czech Republic.

June 1995:

34. 6/5 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Ambassador of India** to Israel regarding the peace process.
35. 6/6 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a **delegation from the German Foreign Ministry** regarding the peace process and Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem.
36. 6/7 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **U.S. Consul** regarding the peace process and elections to the Palestinian autonomous council.

- 37. 6/7 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **British Consul** regarding the peace process and problems faced by residents of east Jerusalem.
- 38. 6/13 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and **foreign consuls** regarding Israeli measures in Jerusalem.
- 39. 6/19 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Foreign Minister of Ireland.**
- 40. 6/28 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Minister of Labor of the Canadian province of Quebec.**
- 41. 6/29 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and **European consuls.**

July 1995:

- 42. 7/15 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Austrian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.**
- 43. 7/19 -Farewell reception held in honor of the **Consul-General of Belgium.**
- 44. 7/20 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and **European consuls** to sign agreements providing for European Union financial support for eight Palestinian development projects in Jerusalem.
- 45. 7/26 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a **delegation from OPIC** (the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, which was established by the U.S. government) to discuss the economic situation in Jerusalem and investment opportunities in the city in the areas of housing and tourism.
- 46. 7/27 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Ambassador of Canada to Israel, Norman Spector, and the Consul-General of Canada, Louis Semard.**

August 1995:

- 47. 8/1 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a **delegation of foreign diplomats** stationed in Israel. At the meeting, representatives of the following countries were present: Britain, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Italy, Spain and Switzerland.
- 48. 8/1 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Consul-General of France.**
- 49. 8/1 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Consul-General of Sweden.**
- 50. 8/2 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Ambassador of South Africa to Israel.**
- 51. 8/10 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Consul-General of the United States of America.**
- 52. 8/28 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and representatives of the **Belgian Labor Movement.**
- 53. 8/28 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **former Jordanian Ambassador to the United Nations.**

September 1995:

- 54. 9/14 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Consul-General of Belgium, Count Michael d'Alviella,** to discuss the issue of Jerusalem and Orient House activities in the city.
- 55. 9/16 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Foreign Minister of South Africa, Alfred Nzo.**
- 56. 9/17 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan, Shuji Yanai.**
- 57. 9/28 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **former Foreign Minister of Sweden, Steve Anderson,** to discuss the peace process and the Oslo 2 accords.

October 1995:

- 58. 10/2 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the new **Canadian Ambassador to Israel.**

- 59. 10/21 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Director-General of the Canadian Foreign Ministry** to discuss the issue of refugees.
- 60. 10/27 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and leading Palestinian figures and a delegation from the European Union led by the **Foreign Minister of Spain, Javier Solana, the Deputy Foreign Minister of France, Margi Soudre, and the Deputy Foreign Minister of Italy, Emanuele Scammaca**, to discuss the issue of Jerusalem.

November 1995:

- 61. 11/6 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a delegation including **UNESCO representatives, French Consul-General Jean Christophe Puasselle and French Foreign Ministry representatives**, to discuss French support for Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem.
- 62. 11/13 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a **European delegation** to discuss the peace process and the situation in Jerusalem.
- 63. 11/16 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a delegation from the **European Parliament** to discuss preparations for the Palestinian elections.
- 64. 11/16 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a delegation from the **Democratic National Institute for International Affairs**.
- 65. 11/16 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a **Jordanian delegation** to discuss Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation.
- 66. 11/30 -Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a **British delegation**, headed by opposition spokesman Derek Fatchett, to discuss political developments in the region.

December 1995:

- 67. 12/6 - Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Rumanian Ambassador to Israel**.
- 68. 12/11 - Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Swedish Cooperation Minister, Pier Shuri**, to discuss the peace process and Swedish support to the Palestinians.
- 69. 12/23 - Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **French Foreign Minister, Herve de Charette**, to discuss the peace process and the subject of Jerusalem.

January 1996:

- 70. 1/4 - Meeting between a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein and Hanan Ashrawi and the **British Deputy Foreign Minister, Jeremy Henley**.
- 71. 1/9 - Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **head of the Middle East Affairs Department in the Irish Foreign Ministry, Ken Thompson**, to discuss the peace process, Jerusalem and preparations for the Palestinian elections.
- 72. 1/17 - Meeting between a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein and the **Dutch Foreign Minister, Hans Van Mierlo**, to discuss Jerusalem and the Palestinian elections.
- 73. 1/18 - Meeting between a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein and a delegation from the **United States Congress** to discuss Jerusalem and the Palestinian elections.
- 74. 1/18 - Meeting between a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein and elections observers from the **European Union Electoral Unit and the NDI/Carter Center**, as well as representatives from various countries, to discuss the Palestinian elections.
- 75. 1/19 - Reception held in honor of **former Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali**, head of the Jordanian observer delegation team to the Palestinian elections.
- 76. 1/22 - Meeting between Feisal Hussein and the **Foreign Ministers of Ireland, Italy and Spain**.

February 1996:

- 77. 2/4 - Meeting between Feisal Hussein and Sari Nusseibeh and the **director of the Middle East Department at the Canadian Foreign Ministry**, Barbara Jebson, to discuss Jerusalem and the peace process.
- 78. 2/10 - Meeting between a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein and the **Swedish Foreign Minister**, Lena Hjelm Wallen, to discuss the peace process.
- 79. 2/15 - Meeting between Feisal Hussein and a delegation from the **European Union**, headed by Sosanna Agnelli, to discuss Jerusalem and the peace process.
- 80. 2/28 - Meeting between a Palestinian delegation headed by Feisal Hussein and the **British Assistant Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs**, John Shepherd.