

At the apex of the pyramidal structure in each Arab state, where the ANM functions, is the "Command of the Region". The latter consists of a responsible member appointed by the Regional Conference and a number of members appointed by the Executive Committee. The Command of the Region represents the ANM in the Region (i.e., Arab state) and is held responsible for its work before the Administration Committee. The duties of the Regional Command consists of the following:¹³

1. The application of the principles of the Movement and its rules and the execution of its plans and decisions in the Region;
2. Supervising the Movement's organizations in the Region;
3. Raising the theoretical and organizational level of the members in the Region;
4. Organizing the finances of the Movement in the Region.

"The Regional Conference" is to be convened by the Command of the Region and the Executive Committee whenever the need arises to review the strategy and tactics of the Movement in that particular Region. Except for Lebanon, very few Regional Confereneces convened elsewhere. It is believed rather risky to call for such conferences where the leaders of the clandestine movement might be exposed to the agents of the state. According to a prominent leader of the

¹³ ANM, Internal Rules, pp. 2-3.