

Damascus confirmed their support for the Aden agreement and demanded the continuation of the overall dialogue among all patriotic parties, to reach a final comprehensive political and organizational agreement. The organizations signing the telegram were:

Students' Federation in Syria
Egyptian Democratic Youth Union
Iraqi Democratic Youth Union
Democratic Front of Sudanese Students
Yemeni Democratic Youth Union
Palestinian Youth Organization
Palestinian Democratic Youth Organization
Palestinian Communist Youth Union
Student Bureaus of the Palestinian Communist Party, the Palestinian Liberation Front, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

37 syndicates and trade unions inside the occupied territories issued a statement in which they expressed their support for the Aden agreement.

Joint statement published in «Al Shaab» newspaper, Jerusalem:

We express our warm congratulations to the Palestinian masses inside and outside Palestine on the occasion of the declaration of the unity agreement in Aden, which attained the unity of the PLO and enables its legitimate institutions to regain their active role. On this occasion we salute the presidents, governments and people of Democratic Yemen and Algeria, for their constructive efforts that made the Palestinian dialogue in Aden and Algiers successful. Their role expresses the essence of Arab nationalism in support of our people's cause.

Student Council, Bir Zeit University; General Union of Youth Committees for Social Work in the occupied territories; Student Youth Movement, Najah University; Union of Women's Committees for Social Work in the occupied territories; Student Youth Movement, Bir Zeit University; Student Youth Movement, Hebron University; Student Youth Movement, Bethlehem University; Student Youth Movement in the Modern

Community Colleges in Ramallah; Student Youth Movement, Polytechnical Institute in Hebron; Health Services Workers' Union in Ramallah and Bireh.

PNC Members in Jordan

Forty-three members of the Palestinian National Council residing in Jordan signed a statement declaring full support to the Aden agreement of July 27th, terming it:

«An important achievement to regain the unity of the PLO on the basis of the national, anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist line and decisive adherence to its political program and consecutive PNC resolutions that aim to achieve the aspirations of our people to return, self-determination and an independent state and preserving the gains in struggle of our people and their principled allies.

We call upon all Palestinian national organizations, forces and personalities to respond by participating in the comprehensive national dialogue to consolidate the unity of the PLO, as the sole legitimate representative of our Palestinian Arab people.»

PF-DF Joint Leadership

Year of Success

June 26th marked the first anniversary of the formation of the Joint Leadership of the Popular Front and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The formation of the Joint Leadership was the result of deep, thorough discussions between the two fronts which started in January 1979. These intensified afterwards in accordance with the decisions taken at the respective congresses of the PFLP and DFLP in 1981, on unifying the revolutionary democratic Palestinian forces as a step towards the strategic goal of forming a united Palestinian communist party.

When the Joint Leadership was declared, the following principles were emphasized:

1. The Joint Leadership is by no means a coordinating body only. Rather it is a joint leadership dealing with the political, military, informational and mass organizational levels. It is considered to be an important step in a long process that aims for total ideological, political, and organizational unity of the two fronts.

2. Unity between the two fronts should be viewed as part of joint comprehensive efforts to achieve the unity of all the Palestinian left organizations.

3. The unity of the two fronts should take place within the framework of the PLO; it should serve to strengthen Palestinian national unity and preserve the important national gains of the PLO in the past years of struggle. The Palestinian left organizations are those most concerned and most capable of

strengthening Palestinian national unity in the PLO on anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist and anti-reactionary principles, and of preserving its gains.

Political struggle

One year is a short period to give a full assessment of the experience of the Joint Leadership. Yet it is very important to emphasize its main achievements. The past year was full of major political developments in the Palestinian struggle, in which the Joint Leadership played a historic role. The Joint Leadership proved to be the main factor involved in preserving the unity of the Palestinian national struggle and the PLO. The Joint Leadership emerged in a period when the Palestinian revolution was facing the dangers of deviation and splits. Its correct policy in the face of these dangers increased its political importance and weight in the Palestinian arena. In the past year, the Joint Leadership has succeeded in playing a major role in tackling the problems and determining the political stands in the Palestinian arena, for