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The Jerusalem Declaration

Statement issued by the Arab Social Democratic Forum (ASDF)

Members of the ASDF discussed and deliberated the state of democracy in the Arab world in Amman; the meeting was also devoted to the issue of Jerusalem and the serious risks it is subjected to. We are alarmed by the dangerous escalation of the Israeli attacks targeting Jerusalem deploying illegal policies such as settlement expansion, annexation and Judaization / de-Arabization. This is being carried out in an environment of Israeli provocations and violence that exceeded all boundaries by assaulting Islamic and Christian religious sanctities, including the abuse of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the worshippers therein.

We emphasize:

1. The absolute rejection of the Israeli's illegal annexation of the occupied Jerusalem with all of its consequences. This annexation has been rejected by the whole world. The International Court of Justice in The Hague affirmed the refusal of such annexations and called for ending and reversing such illegal practices. .
2. The rejection and condemnation of settlements activities throughout the occupied territories, especially in Jerusalem and its surroundings, and to all of the accompanying changes on the ground.
3. The condemnation and rejection of the apartheid regime being enforced by Israel through racial segregation and discriminations against Palestinians. The Israeli policies have turned the Israeli occupation, which is the longest known in modern history, into apartheid; worse than the one that prevailed in South Africa.
4. Affirmation of the right of the Palestinian people to full freedom, to end the occupation and achieve independence in a fully sovereign state of Palestine with Arab Jerusalem as its capital.

5. The call on all the Arab peoples and friendly countries to adopt a strategy of boycott, divestment and sanction (BDS) against Israel in addition to divestments aiming until it deters and ends the occupation and racial discrimination.
6. Affirmation of its intention to work with all parties and international institutions to ensure the success of the BDS campaign and to impose sanctions as effective means of demonstrating international solidarity for the support the Palestinian people to contribute to changing the balance of power.
7. The confirmation of our full support for the Palestinian popular resistance and its achievements. The resistance was highlighted by the popular actions in “Bab Al-Shams” and “Ein Hejleh”. We reaffirm our support for our Palestinian partners, Fatah movement and the Palestinian National Initiative movement in their struggle for the development and the expansion of popular resistance and boycott movement.
8. The affirmation of our intention to hold a conference in the city of Jerusalem as soon as circumstances permit, and affirms its determination to work together for the liberation of Jerusalem from the Israeli occupation and apartheid regime.
9. The calls on all our members and supporters to participate in the activities of Solidarity with the Palestinian people and with Jerusalem in 2014, a year dedicated internationally and by the United Nations for solidarity with the just struggle of the Palestinian people.
10. Our endorsement of the Robben Island Declaration with regards to Palestinian prisoners including political leaders and elected members of the Palestinian Legislative Council like Marwan Barghouti, Ahmad Sadat and Fouad Shobaki, and calls on its international partners to join the Declaration and take firm actions for the liberation of all Palestinian prisoners and upholding Palestinian democracy.
11. The ASDF decided to form a special committee of its member parties to follow up on the above-mentioned decisions and to implement activities against the Israeli illegal actions and to consolidate the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine.