

The Islamic Resistance Movement
Hammas - Palestine

Dear brother / Manir Shafik - Abu Fadi - May Allah Protect Him

Secretary General of the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad (PCPA)

Peace be upon you, may Allah have mercy and his blessings.

Your brothers in the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, have informed us that there is an urgent need to end the division and achieve national unity and partnership. Strategy and national responsibility toward our people and their cause — and their right to attain freedom and to establish an independent state whose capital is the Holy Jerusalem, as well as to achieve our people's right to return home, the path to this passes through a necessary and strategic stage: completing national unity, through which we will participate in the struggle with the oppressive occupier in all its forms, together and united until full independence is achieved. We believe that the free will of our people is the way to achieve unity, to complete it, and to preserve it.

We, in the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, are attentive to the Palestinian cause and to the extent of normalization between some Arab states and the Zionist entity. We recognize the importance of the current moment, in light of the statements of some of our brothers, especially from Egypt and Qatar, regarding the importance of renewing the reconciliation process and discussions on rapprochement that could contribute to it. The movement's leadership has diligently examined the matter from every angle, and we have reached the conclusion that we are prepared to continue with the process of reconciliation and national partnership.

We have gone through many stages, starting with the Cairo Agreements, the most recent of which was the Istanbul understandings — the outcome of the secretaries-general meeting held between Ramallah and Beirut — and our readiness to implement these steps:

1. Elections to the Palestinian Legislative Council.
2. Elections for the Presidency of the National Authority.
3. Elections to the Palestinian National Council.

The elections will be held one after the other, within one year from the date of publication of the presidential decree, which sets the dates for the elections. Afterwards, a national dialogue will be held to reach agreement on all details related to holding the elections on their scheduled dates.

These arrangements can be made through the Palestinian National Dialogue channel, while simultaneously emphasizing and expressing thanks for the efforts of our brothers in Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, Russia and everyone who took an active part in the enormous effort.

They may be able to provide the guarantees needed to complete this process, as in their discussions with us they emphasized that the necessary assurances for implementing the agreement would be provided.

Your brother / Ismail Haniyeh

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