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STATEMENT AND DECISIONS OF THE PLENUM
OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
DEFENCE OF ARAB LAND IN I S R A E L.

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The 30th of March, the "Land's Day" which we declared as a day of general peaceful strike in protest against the expropriation of land, has been turned by the government of Israel, into a sanguinary day for the Arab masses in Israel. The police forces, frontier troops and the army took our Arab villages by storm as from the night before the strike. They committed provocative assaults that obliged our people to defend themselves against clubs, gas bombs and against the fatal shooting the toll of which was six martyrs and tens of wounded in addition to massive arrests, and the curfew that was imposed upon our Arab villages. In spite of this brutal aggression the strike which we proclaimed was comprehensive and it revealed the unity of the Arab masses in Israel in their struggle against the expropriation of their land and against the national discrimination which the authorities inflicted upon them since the declaration of the strike.

Our masses that solemnly greet the martyrs who fell in the land battle promise to persist in defending our land and in demanding equal co-existence between Jews and Arabs till the end.

The Arab population in Israel who are an integral part of the Palestinian Arab People will rightly persist in demanding that the rulers of Israel must respect their national rights and daily interests and abolish the discrimination against them, the first item of which is the expropriation of Arab Land.

The aggression which was inflicted upon the Arabs in Israel can never be separated from the continuous acts of aggression against the Arabs of the occupied territories of 1967. In fact it is only a new phase of the policy of denying the rights of the Arab Palestinian People, and of confiscating their land by force. This oppressive policy resorts to administrative arrests, torturing prisoners and blowing up houses. This policy treats the Arabs in Israel as hostages and not as full citizens. The general strike exposed and revealed the intentions of the rulers of Israel against the Arab population. It dispelled the fable which the official propaganda propagated that Israel is the show window of democracy in the Middle East. It also enlightened public opinion in Israel and abroad about the tragedy the Arabs in Israel live through.

The expropriation of Arab land is surely a striking evidence of this oppressive policy, as the land that is still in Arab hands do not exceed 4 a million dunoms after that millions of dunoms have already been expropriated by various measured and means. In view of all this the National Committee for the defence of land declares the following:

- 1) We reject the expropriation orders in the Galilee, the Triangle and the Negev. We ask the proprietors of the expropriated land to refrain from handing their lands over, and to refuse any offer of exchange or of monetary compensation. We insist that the oppressive expropriation orders, the only aim of which is to evict the Arabs of their land, must be annulled.
- 2) The committee demands that the closure of the territory known as "Area No. 9" in the military terminology, must be abolished; and that the authorities abstain from restricting free passage of those land's proprietors who come from the villages Sakhnin, Arrabe, Deir Hanna and Al-Sawa'id into this area which is composed of about 20 thousand dunoms.
- 3) The National Committee denounces the refusal of the Prime Minister to establish an official investigation committee to investigate the bloody events on the "Land's Day". It persists in demanding that the government must establish such a committee in order to expose and penalize those who will be held responsible for the criminal acts. Moreover the committee declares its intention to establish a popular Jewish-Arab investigation Committee. We from this rostrum, appeal to responsible Jewish personalities to be on this committee.

4) The National Committee demands that the government must drop the charges against those who participated in the strike of March 30th and that the workers who were ousted from their jobs as a result of taking part in the strike must be returned to their work. Besides, reasonable compensations must be paid to those who were harmed.

5) The National Committee decides that popular conferences would be held in the areas affected by expropriation and that delegations would be sent to the Knesset to demand that the governmental expropriation orders must be abolished.

6) The National Committee declares its full support of the demands included in the memorandum of the Arab Mayors' National Committee, which was submitted to the Premier on 24.5.1976. We ask all Arab local councils to adopt these demands and consider them as a "working paper" for the struggle of implementing them.

7) The National Committee appeals to the democratic forces in Israel for their solidarity with the struggle of the Arab population to implement their just demands in order to widen the bases of combined effort for the sake of co-existence and mutual recognition of rights and for the sake of just peace in the Middle East.

8) The National Committee decides to send a delegation to the democratic organisations of Europe and the World over who comprehended our cause and supported our strike seeing it as an act of struggle for equality among peoples, and for democracy and peace in the World.

9) The National Committee decides to establish a fund that will be administered by a Committee of Trustees, for the sake of collecting contributions to finance the expenses of struggle and to give fraternal financial support to those who may be harmed, according to the circumstances. We are deeply confident that our masses will respond to our call and will contribute for as it befits their consciences and their feeling of responsibility.

10) The National Committee appraises our Arab masses who hastened to respond to the declaration of the General peaceful strike in their cities and villages, we greet them for the initiative they displayed in establishing their local committees for the defence of land, believing that our struggle is long and hard and needs sacrifice at every level for the sake of defending the rights of our people and preserving our mere existence and dignity on our land. The National Committee deems it necessary that its membership must be increased by inviting representatives of the local committees in order to guarantee the contribution of vast sectors of our masses in our continuous struggle, and for the sake of realizing our just aims.

The National Committee for
the defence of land.

