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[UI] Unintelligible.
[NFI] Not Further Identified.
(LNU) Last name unknown.
[Italics] Translator's comments.
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Ga: ... How many people have read it [*the agreement*]? One in every thousand? Very few minority did that. So, how do you expect these people to defend the future of the Movement and the Movement's position? If there was a rejection, how would be stand with the Movement? How? It is impossible. What is needed then is to have the Palestinian be aware of what is in the agreement. I said that an agreement written in five pages....UI. We barely read some of it. How about the general public?...UI. I imagine the media part plays a very important role in that issue. The second circle is the Arab and Islamic countries. It is, of course, the second circle for the Palestinian activism and...UI, adopting of positions first of all. Second, ...UI the Islamic current which is the dominant and the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization, which is the minor current and not a majority, and they [*The Arab peoples*] deal with it the same way like they deal with governments in their homelands. ...UI. They don't understand this or that, or know the difference between the [*Palestinian Liberation*] Organization and Hamas..., the Islamic Movement. What they understand is that this is a step towards...UI. They have two

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segments in my opinion; the first one is the generation which grew up and lived here, they are generally agreeable to the atmosphere now. They are against violence and...UI. The American media has been used and was employed to...UI, and God knows best. All of that is in favor of support to the agreement. The third circle includes the educated people; Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims. I'm not too worried about those as I believe that we are the most qualified to be...UI. Those are the ones who... stability and affirms our position in general terms. It is my opinion that this circle is the most important circle of activism for us. My opinion is that...UI, we should form alliances with them, form an agreement in opinion with them. They're the ones who...UI with the others. The fourth circle is the American people in general and it is a problem. This is a massive problem. I don't know what we are going to do with it, but... There are people who don't even know where Palestine is. I expect that he would support the project [*i.e. the agreement*] and call for it, use the media and legal...UI in order to show the different points of view to the American people. Consequently, these people understand the Palestinian Cause as a whole through the eyes of the [*Palestinian*] Liberation Organization and not through Hamas.

... The third thing is that the support allocated to alleviate the sufferings from the Palestinian people in all shapes in light of the existence of the international support will...UI, specially within the next five years. ...UI they pay a lot of money specially to a person who is not connected to the Islamic current or to ...UI. God knows best. The Palestinian tendencies will be towards the improvement of the [*living*] conditions. Every two to three weeks at the best estimate, they will talk about improvement in the unemployment, improvement for the students, economic improvement, the opening of a factory, the opening of a project, unemployment is down. This is the method they will use and America will give them an enormous help in that regards, in my opinion.

Sh: Yes.

Ga: America and the American...UI, in order to convince the people because everybody is convinced; the Americans are convinced and the Jews. People must...UI on the ground. They're happy, with the flag now, but the flag will last one week, two weeks or a month and what is after that? We need bread. This will be... The propaganda which will be spread will affect Hamas...UI in the meanwhile....UI. Are you going to collect a million? Not a million, for instance. The media and political support for the Cause in general terms, and to the rights of the Palestinian people specifically will be negatively affected in my opinion. Why? First, the organizations which work on these issues are American and they deal from the..., from America's mentality. A prominent example for that is the occupation. The U.S. government used to call it "occupation" and...UI, used to reject its measures and rejects this and that and used to call to the implementation of the Geneva agreement. This was the official America..., State Department and otherwise. It tried to...UI, because all became a United Nations so,...UI. You're no longer have the right to resist the occupation. All of that will be classified according to the American concept. There is no occupation now. There is an understanding and there are no weapons to be carried because there is no occupation to be fought. There is no more suffering because of the occupation. Suffering now is on the hands of the local government. This will be classified as terrorism according to America. How are you going to do it? How are going to perform Jihad?

As: ... We, the media people, are the ones who..., our media is the one which give rise to this kind of talk among the people. I don't how dangerous this is. I feel that we're the ones who bring this up among the people. We say that we exist on the field. Yes, we're present...UI. Didn't they say that Hamas is this people [*The Palestinians*]. We are, then, a part of the people. Why are we...UI? I don't know why. We assist in spreading this kind of ideas. I mean, we should not commit this mistake and say...er. They're the ones who are currently spreading these things now.

Sh: What About Hasan is saying that we're giving them clues, that is. Even if they're not thinking about the matter, we're...UI. Let's see what our brother, Gawad, wants to say.

Ga: ... What do you expect will happen? They will be murderous criminals, my brother. Even the doctors among them. Doctors among them have criminal mentalities. The first thing...UI. I'm telling you the truth. This is not something they could hide in order to...UI. My personal opinion is that confrontation is inevitable within no more than a year of the Authority [*i.e. self-rule*]. No more than one year. We have one of two options; we either take a stand of caution and work according to it as a program, a method, a way and a system, and the other [*party*] will also prepare himself at the same level, even stronger and the struggle which will happen during this year will...UI, or we prepare for the struggle from now and finalize the matter from now. All of this is...UI.

As: ... We make this presentation to the people in order to derail the agreement. This the Muslims' program, originally, in order to cause the alternatives in front of them to fail and in order to make people aware of the facts

As: ... The second point is: What is the goal of the upcoming stage? It is to derail the agreement. Is our goal to derail the agreement? Is our goal really to have Israel withdraw from Jericho and Gaza? Is this our goal? What is our goal in the coming stage? I imagine..., let's ask this question about the goal of the next stage. I mean, how to take advantage of the agreement in the next stage. I imagine that... What is the goal?

Ga: ...UI, to adopt opposition to the agreement in order to derail it and not for...UI or Jericho, but to derail the attempt to disband the alliance between the segments of the Palestinian people.

As: But, this should be done at a general strategic level.

Ga: Of course.

As: I mean, you would be talking that there is strategic...UI on a worldwide level by all the people of the world, not only the Western nations, Gaza or this and that.

Ga: Everybody, everybody.

As: Not only in the Middle East region and the Islamic world ought to have a very clear strategic line. The question is, I, as a Movement, what are my abilities, my goal and the strategies I will follow to achieve this goal. Now, am I capable, as an Islamic Movement, to reach my goal which you and I know? That is to derail [*the agreement*]?

Ga: Yes, according to the studies which were prepared.

As: I can derail it?

Ga: The studies which were prepared say "Yes".

As: Ok, excuse me. Could I...UI. This is not...UI because it determines a whole path.

Ga: No, just in order to focus on America in this presentation. Otherwise, I have no objections. We will talk about it.

[*A short period of UI group talk*].

Sh: ...the issue is not at the level which authorizes us to act on the American front. I believe it is not the time for any solution which is deeper than that. The purpose of this session is not to discuss these specialized issues. The bottom line between our hands is what to do on the American front. I believe that this is... Anything more than that, I believe that we need an opportunity to listen according to the scientific...UI.

Ga: Even on the American front, your resources control you.

Sh: ...UI the brother is telling you...

Gh: But, the general tendency is important as you are on the American front and you're governed by the general directions which...UI.

Ga: I'm saying "The general tendency". The general tendency is to defeat the agreement. Coexistence with it is not an option and changing to a normal political opposition is not an option. The...UI is not an option and turning your back to it - like saying let's keep to ourselves and they keep to themselves - is not an option.

As: The goal of derailing the agreement is not the Movement's goal alone. There are other currents in the Arab world whose goal is to derail the agreement. It is not clever to put your hands in their hands.

As: At the level of..., at the level of the agreement, what are our abilities? What can we do in this country?

Ga: A lot at this time. A lot.

As: Yes. This must be clear. Must be clear and...UI.
It must be clear. If the goal is to derail the agreement, it shouldn't..., it shouldn't be interpreted as anything else. That's it. It should be very explicit that the goal is to derail the agreement. But, do we have the ability to derail it? This is another question.

UM2: ... The first is to make the agreement fail and this is a public policy and all of us are opposing it. It is the just the media which exaggerated the issue. Second, finding the alternatives. The first step should be taken advantage of by the brothers in...UI, how to make the agreement fail. The national rights, huma rights, stuff which will be exploited in order to make you look legitimate while you call on the annulment of the agreement. I mean, there should legitimacy to everything we do so that they won't...UI. They should always be in...UI. This is one aspect. The other aspect is working to find the alternatives. Create programs in order to target the agreement.

Sh: If you please in order to... The term "derailment" should include resistance, you see? "Derailment" scares me a lot as we work in organizations meant to...UI. It is better to use the method of, yes, an agreement happened and that's it. We didn't lose anything. There is a resistance, there is a counter-push, there is a strong counter-push. So, when we say "derailment", it puts us in a platform bigger than what the U.S. atmosphere would tolerate. We won't get out with anything in America. We barely run our organizations and pay our employees at the end of the months.

UM1: ... Now, we see a turn from a Palestinian conflict to an Islamic one. Now, how can formulate the Islamic address in America to the Islamic community, particularly the Palestinian community? If the Palestinian community embraced the Islamic address regarding Jerusalem and Al Aqsa mosque, [*saying that*] Palestine is the land of Muslims and stuff, I think all the other Islamic organizations and the Arab community, even the Americans themselves due to their belief in democracy and these people [*i.e. The Palestinians*] have a right. Of course, the address ought to be in a reasonable way, without tension and illogical talk. But, this is what is going to happen. Do you see that this could be the kind of address or one of the method with the Islamic community at large and the Palestinian community in particular. Strongly, I mean, that now Palestine should be returned to those who have a right..., to those who liberated it are the ones [*who have a right*]...UI. The rest of the questions.

Om: Yes, dealing with..., dealing with the occupation forces as... It is a part of the occupation forces, meaning that we were ruled by Jews yesterday and now we're ruled by Palestinians. We shouldn't say that we're against an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, but that we wish for a total Israeli withdrawal from all the areas. Instead of saying, by God, we're against economic revival..., because if we say that, no one would agree with us, if we tell someone that, by God, we're against all these money which came in. We should say that these people [*PNA*] are thieves and will steal it like the Egyptians stole it, the Palestinians will steal it. By the Egyptians I mean the government.

Sh: The government, Mubarak and his clan.

Om: I mean, we should give people examples how much money is gone [*i.e. stolen*] and Egypt's situation now is...

Sh: ...that, after the agreement, the situation is much worse than before the agreement.

Om: These examples show people that this talk is lies, I mean, that we strip confidence from this Authority. If we gradually take the confidence away from this Authority, I imagine that it will fail or, in reality, it will remain as just an image... In reality, people's confidence in it, people's cooperation with it will be less and people won't feel that this Authority represents us and suddenly... Of course, this should be an experiment. The Jews

will be watching Gaza and it will be an experiment and, if Arafat manages to rule the people in Gaza, they will hand over the rest of the people in the [West] Bank. And he will...UI and the settlers will be left alone. Now, instead of Israel using 100,000 soldiers to rule the Palestinian people, Arafat will do it with 20,000 [soldiers]. Even if he wanted 100,000, they will give him if he succeeds in ruling it securely. We need to spoil this confidence. If we remove the confidence, Israel won't be able to give more to Arafat. This will make him look like a big...UI.

Ga: Ok, I wanted to ask something; is the...UI?

Om: Derailment will annul the...UI.

Ga: Fine.

Sh: It is a derailment of the status quo, that is.

Ga: An annulment which happened by itself...UI. When the goals of the derailment happen, I should hold papers in the street and tear them...UI. The agreement would be over, practically. The Movement has a goal to derail the goals of the agreement. Their principle of establishing an authority to rule the people is rejected. I'm saying that the stuff you're saying is not in harmony with their convictions. The principle of establishing the [Palestinian National] Authority, forming of the police, building the infrastructure for the Palestinian self-rule for Abou Ammar should be defeated from its beginnings, from the start. If the National Conference will convene in...UI. Out of these political powers, only this one is trying to form a plan to rule. We shouldn't wait until it gets a grip, forms a state and then issue a statement... No, no, no. This is not a derailment. This would be called an opposition. What is an opposition? This was not a good choice. The right choice would have been confrontations with all of its true meanings; political and non-political...UI. We want to defeat the goals of the project to begin with, starting with the formation of the Authority and ending with the...UI the situation, spreading security and protecting the Jews. I mean, all of that happen between them. There is a problem, a psychological problem with people and...UI. This is the soil of the homeland...UI. The success of the issue is subject to criticism and agreement, of course...UI. It is a general situation, but it is open for developments with the advancement of the stage. God knows best.

Sh: The media..., so that we could switch this to the media connection. The media should work on derailing this project in more than a way. We have probably served the agreement which is my personal belief, not necessarily by praising the agreement, but when you read the average [media coverage], it is supportive [of the agreement]. Things which serve the agreement such as the economic revival, the infrastructure, this and that.

The average reader will say, "It is good. What is wrong about it?". But, according to the suggestion of our brother, Abou Mohamed, of attacking the credibility of those overseeing the..., he used the word "Discredit" which means to discredit the people. I don't know how to say it in Arabic. So, the question for those presenting the media paper to discuss is as follows: Is it wise for us to attack the credibility the agreement..., those overseeing the project as individuals, as names such as this and that. We should bring up their secret files to the public eye. There was talk in the public circles that we must disgrace these characters in order to expose them to the Palestinian people and wonder what dignity and what credibility [*they have*]. So, please, the brothers who are presenting the media paper try to reach a decision in that regards. Now, prepare to this answer. Ok,
