

[UM] Unidentified Male.
[UI] Unintelligible.
[NFI] Not Further Identified.
(LNU) Last name unknown.
[Italics] Translator's comments.
... Incomplete sentence.

Sh = Shukri Abu Baker
Om = Omar Ahmad
Gh = Ghassan Elashi
Ss = Sheik Sharif
Ga = Gawad (LNU)
Ab = Abdel Salam (LNU)
Ak = Akram (LNU)
Au = Abou Usama (NFI)
As = Abdel Halim Al Ashqar (Aboul Hasan)
Aa = Abou Ahmad (NFI)
Aj = Abdel Jabbar

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Sh: ... So, the ramifications of the current political situation on activism on America..., I imagine, my brothers, that if we examine our work in America to the light..., that is; sum it as organizational activism, we exist in the shape of organizations in America. IAP works as an organization and we have the Fund. You could probably put the IAP and the Fund together and everything else that is in the paper, i.e. ...UI, the relationship with the Fund...UI. So, if you have noticed, in the past time, we used to focus on..., or the address was directed to the Palestinian and Islamic public, truly, in particular. We used to have an approach which probably had a glaring color, I mean the Jihadist [*address*] and this and that, focus on activism even through our lectures, conferences and seminars. And maybe this address was in harmony with the current, the general current was marching in that direction. Therefore, we were marching in that direction. We used to tell the Islamic and the Palestinian communities about the heroism of the youths in the inside. They used to be happy and we encouraged them...

Om: [*i.e.*] Military upbringing.

Sh: What?

Om: Military breeding.

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Sh: Military breeding, it was going in that direction. Now, truly, what happened is a turning point. In general, people - regardless if they're convinced or not - even he who was marching with that current, now feels that its speed stopped, slowed down or something. And there are those who were going in the opposite direction and was previously going in the opposite direction as well. So, what is happening now is that, yes, we're still walking on the correct path, but we're going in an opposite or counter to the general current which exists even on the American front among the Islamic, the Arab and the Palestinian communities. So, how is our address should be now through our organizations? Really? The formation of this address through these organizations? The detailed answer for that might be in the upcoming sessions. Then, the address..., each one of us should have a discussion and we should come up with resolutions, God's willing, by tomorrow. From now, we should be thinking about the media field, how is the address going to be in a way which is in harmony and is suitable for the stage on the American front. This address, my brothers, should be even in harmony with the general strategic approach. I mean, if the general strategic approach is according to what our brother Gawad said, how can we then be in harmony with this general strategic approach. You're in America. It could be in a way that is suitable to the American front but, also in accordance with the general strategic line in way... We're supposed to be...UI and explain this line. Also, "derailment", even our approach in the general direction should be "derailment". How can we achieve this derailment. This derailment might be with a logic, a concept and practices that are different from those of the people of America, different from the those of the people of Jordan, or those of the Palestinians living in Egypt, the Gulf or elsewhere. We are saying all of that, our brothers,... Of course, I didn't mention a religion, but it is a mission we ought to focus on in order to enrich the discussion. Yes, please.

As: ... Therefore, the issue of adjusting and the issue of infiltrating the police..., the direction of the people inside the police are known. It is not like there are some people whose direction is unknown. No. The elections which take place in universities and in schools, it is known that everyone is classified and what is the direction of every person. So, the issue of infiltrating the police, infiltrating the intelligence or infiltrating..., I don't imagine that is possible. I imagine that the issue is that, very much, we imagine that events are the ones which move us and that we have no strength or power. This might be true sometimes, but look at the Intifada generally, who is the one which started it? Who is the one who is moving it until now? What is the role of the united leadership in leading the organization during the Intifada other than issuing a statement. They didn't even distribute statements. They were broadcasted in Monte Carlo radio and they weren't distributed. And since the beginning of the Intifada, it used to be distributed in some areas on a very limited scale. So, even until now, it is the Islamists who are directing the events in a practical manner. Truly, the relationship..., let's go back to prepared paper which is the relationship of America to the inside or rearranging America's relationship with the

inside. What pushed me to this topic, really, is three considerations and several incidents. First of all, the incident of Mohamed Salah. I won't linger on it in a narrative way, but all of you are aware of it and the media has exaggerated it. The first result, conclusion or lesson from the incident of Mohamed Salah is that bearers of U.S. passports are not above the reach of the law. But, if the issue has to do with...UI, they're the same as those who carry an Egyptian [*travel*] document or those who carry an Israeli [*travel*] document. It is the same thing in front of the Israeli law. This is something which ought to be taken into consideration. The second thing is precision and caution. My brothers, with great respect for the people of America, like the Sudanese people say, America's and Canada's brothers, they see themselves as a distinctive style. They have a distinctive style in America and Canada, but the inside has its circumstances and its precautions. Therefore, precision and caution should come to play when dealing with it. Not like we deal in America where we have a legal slack or an atmosphere of freedom. This..., the matter calls for more precision and caution in the inside than the precision and the caution which is in America. The third point which brother Gawad mentioned is the peace accord which ended the legitimacy of the resistance of the Israelis as an occupation. This might be one of the most important results as America didn't use to condemn action against military personnel. But, now that the agreement is in place, you prevented him from..., your actions now are terrorism and not a resistance.

As: ... The issue of education and the higher studies in America is an essential issue and an important issue for the inside in order to control the institutions and in order to give political might to our brothers in the inside. Media and research, the authority on the way might come and close all of our newspapers and magazines. We have...UI institutions issuing statements from America in order to make it difficult for the coming [*Palestinian National*] Authority to block their entry [*into Palestine*].

Sh: The other issue..., not necessarily now, the other issue my brother is the legal and security situation. I mean, now you don't resist only..., only..., you resist the entire world, the whole world now. The entire world is against you, the whole world is against you. No doubt, there will be legal obstacles. Three years ago, we were visited by some of our brothers ...UI and we said "Our brothers, think about the day Sister Samah will get divorced, when everybody rejects her and say about her that she is a terrorist". They were saying that this will never happen. This a country of laws and a country of constitution and it did happen. So, you work and you try to protect. You are trying to get her married again. Are you really going to remain respected in the eyes of the law or there will be another talk? I hope that the brothers..., we can talk about that for half an hour. I hope the brothers think about this issue...UI. Go ahead, Abou Mohamad. There will also be a discussion...UI.

Om: I have a point. Do you believe that our Palestinian activism, our activism for Palestine in the past was centered... Now, I imagine that we do three things, we're an agent for the inside. I mean...UI [*Group interruption*]. We're not an agent, we provide services to these people, either by sending monies, spreading their news or by informing them with this and that. I imagine that 75% of our work is for relief and 25% concern with the American [*front*].

UM2: There are some points. A historical point is that we as IAP or Islamists call for our right, or the rights of Palestine. Most of the talk revolves around Gaza and the occupied land, Gaza and the West Bank. No one talks about the 1948 territories. I mean, here in America no one will accept it from you, to say the 1948 territories...

Sh: They don't care.

UM2: Therefore, we're limited to the occupied West Bank and Gaza. Ok, you gave us Gaza and the West Bank, what do you want? This is a point I believe we've become besieged in. Now, if we say: No, you must give them the [*West*] Bank, that is if they give the entire [*West*] Bank to Yasser Arafat. What are we going to say to...UI? Are we going to say that we demand the 1948 territories? I believe that we....UI.

Om: We've always demanded the 1948 territories. I mean, we demanded...UI.

UM2: Yes, but we don't say that publicly. You cannot say it publicly. In front of the Americans...

Om: No, we didn't say that to the Americans.