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Meeting of Islamic Leaders in Beirut to Discuss “How to confront the forthcoming American plan for settlement”

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A few days ago Beirut witnessed an unannounced meeting at a Ramadan dinner which included Lebanese and Palestinian Islamist leaders of al-Jama'a al-Islamiyya, Hizbullah, Hamas and Hizb-ut-Tahrir. The discussion dealt with the situation in the region especially on the settlement operation and the American plan which the American President Barack Obama will propose to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

There was agreement among the leaders participating in the meeting that "the new American plan aims to liquidate the Palestinian Cause, and constitutes of the most dangerous American plan in the region, and thus must be opposed by all possible means, especially by escalating acts of resistance and rejecting the normalization process which Israel is demanding with American support along with Arab countries. In addition there was emphasis on “the necessity of strengthening Islamist-Islamist relations and of rejecting any attempt to arouse sectarian strife because by this means, the resistance front to confront the American plan can be strengthened"

The participants in the meeting decided to “begin by holding two large scale meetings: the first will be of a Palestinian stamp to react what Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is doing to monopolize Palestinian leadership; and the second will be at the Arabic level to support the choice of resistance against American plans in the region. The participants agreed to keep in touch in order to further discuss all issues of mutual interest.”