

[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
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
Ab2 = Abou Bassem (NFI)
Mu = Muin (LNU)
Ar = Abdel Rahman

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UM2: In my opinion, we must form a new organization for activism which will be neutral because we are placed in a corner, we are place in a corner. It is known who we are, we are marked and I believe that there should be a new neutral organization which works on both sides so that..., because this state is coming no matter what and this is a new existing order.

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UM2: We don't want the children of the community who are raised here in schools and in Islamic schools and non-Islamic schools to grow up surrendering to the issue of peace with Jews and... I mean, we don't see in ten years the growing generations in America surrendering to peace with Jews. Therefore, there must be curricula and teaching materials which spread in Islamic schools and in weekend schools, the ones which teach children who attend American schools.

UM2: Regarding the band, we agreed on certain policies. The band is looking for certain policies to follow in its performance and product. So, if we agree on certain policies they will be provided to the band so that its segments are based on them.

UM2: In support of what our brother Shukri said, people will... In the beginning, let's say that we should let them sing the songs because people are...UI and people don't want to listen to speeches. But, now, people are coming because you know that you are a voice of opposition. So, you're coming to listen to that opinion. Therefore, there is no need for emotional aspects, there should be a focus on points; one, two, three, stuff like that and not just words of enthusiasm.

UM1: I believe that the Palestinian state will begin handling donations, collection of donations and handle foreign exchanges. You can benefit from this. If you want to join the opposition, it is known that you are an Islamist and if you speak with them no one will grant you a foreign exchange or do anything [*favorable*] to you.

Ga: The direction which is agreed upon is to make the [peace] project fail and it is not...UI. And what happened so far with the agreement is that it is just a paper and nothing has been executed until now. It is in the formation stage. So, why so you want to...UI on a whole stage which will take the next four or five months? It will take six months to materialize. When it is complete you can come and give your feedback. The...UI... Originally, there was independence, there was a warning and there was a total withdrawal, even a withdrawal of the multi-national forces from...UI Palestine and all of Israel. There must be a doubt in the peaceful solution. It is something different. We agree on the correct analysis. Here is the project and here are our recommendations. Dealing with it is different but...UI. And how can the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] be in harmony given the general atmosphere? Therefore, my opinion regarding the goals is very clear: supporting the resistance to the occupation because the occupation will continue. It won't end. I don't know how many of you think that the occupation will end or not? It won't end, it is not possible. There is only...UI and that's it, even in Gaza and Jericho by the way. Barak confirmed this twice.

UM1: I don't think you could put this kind of stuff with the Foundation or the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine], support to the resistance to the occupation...

UM2: This is the point. As an American organization, we cannot adopt this stuff or add it to our goals. This stuff..., in the eighties, we at the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] wrote that...UI. I mean..., we cannot include this kind of stuff officially in our papers.

UM1: Whether it is in America or outside of America, when we talk about these goals..., the first thing is that I, as an official American organization..., I'm telling you about things in the heart..., the goals you're talking about are in the heart but, can I write them down or can I support our brothers. We cannot write them down.

Ga: ...UI. Now, what can you do at the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine]?

UM1: Fine. But,...

Ga: You practice it. You know how to practice it? This is my question to you. You set some goals. Now, begin working on the programs. What does that mean?...UI. I'm working on Jihad, support the Jihad, support the Jihad, support the resistance to the occupation. You're working with all of your media and all of your political address is like that.

UM1: Ah.

Ga: Even supporting Hamas. The [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] met with the FBI in defense of Hamas. It was a clear talk then. Support to the Movement. Henceforth, do these goals mean anything?

UM2: Keep your voice down. May God be pleased with you.

[Laughter].

Sh: You Virginia guys got us trouble. This is the talk we will...

Sh: Before..., before all of that talk we should ask ourselves a question; Is America a confrontation front? And what do we want from..., from the reader of Al Zaytouna and the reader of the Monitor and from the guy who owns a store in Chicago? Do I want him to go fight or do I want to earn his sympathy so that he could donate to me or do I want him to have a knowledgeable political culture? We have to specify what we want from people, honestly, otherwise we keep working and publishing a newspaper becomes a goal in itself without finding out what effect does the newspaper have on people. I believe before this session is over we should come up with a clear statement regarding what do we want from people. This is one. And what do we want from the Americans? Do we want to convert them to Muslims, to become Muslims, because the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] often does activities which sound like that of mosques; pure Islamic things. ... The second thing -we were talking about that in the morning- is that our brothers in the Occupied Territories will be pretend to go along with the self-rule and none of their societies will be shut down and this is a matter that hasn't been settled yet. Then enter our brothers who talk to us about politics and tell you: "It is impossible that there will be a self-rule. It is impossible that America will classify Samah as a terrorist organization. It is impossible that Israel will withdraw from one inch. Impossible, impossible....". My brothers, they say that there are no absolutes in politics to start with, there is nothing impossible in politics, everything is possible. It is possible that Israel withdraw tomorrow and forms a Palestinian state the way it wants. What is that? Is the Palestinian state going to be worse than Saudi Arabia. for instance? Saudi Arabia is serving Israel's interests more than Israel serving its own interests. What are you talking about? So, our brother is telling you "Instead of being taken by surprise and then, five months later, begin to wail..", he said: "We will form an organization for you to show the Americans that you are...UI. It will be made up of some of our people, our beloved ones, and let's not hoist a large Islamic flag and let's not be barbaric-talking. We will remain a front so that if the thing happens, we will benefit from the new happenings instead of

having all of our organizations classified and exposed". I was telling our brother Aboul Hassan about Al Aqsa Organization. Why "Al Aqsa Educational"? When you go to Oxford they will ask you: "Sir, what is Aqsa?". Make it "The Palestinian General Education Academy". Make yourself a big name like that and give it a media twinkle and there is no need for Al Aqsa, Al Quds, Al Sakhra and all that stuff. Huh? This is for example. And let's stay ahead of the events, our brothers. We will find out later on that Fatah has 50 organizations here in America and offices named "Fatah offices" affiliated with Fatah here in America like they like to affiliate them, charity, educational and schools and everything while we are sitting unable to work because all of us have become burned, all of our organizations are purely Islamic organizations and we don't know how we are going to be dealt with. So, our brother had a suggestion to form an organization - the format he suggested was somewhat controversial, I didn't discuss it with him but I believe its concept is sound - that we should start right now, my brothers, begin thinking about establishing alternative organizations which can benefit from a new atmosphere, ones whose Islamic hue is not very conspicuous.

Sh: Samah..., Samah is classified as a terrorist [*organization*]. By constitution, by law, if I wanted to adopt its work, they kick me out, they kick me out of this country, my brother. By God, they would take away my U.S. citizenship and tell me "Go away". I'm telling you....

Ga: We are not classified, my brother. Who said we are classified?

Sh: Huh?

Ga: Who classified it?

Sh: ...er. I'm saying..., I'm saying that even...

Ga: ...UI that the Movement is a terrorist organization.

Om: No, no, no.

Sh: ...UI, my brother. What did the Congress do?

Ga: There isn't a proposition to... What did it do?

Om: ...UI. The bill didn't pass.

Ga: Huh?

Om: It didn't come yet. The Congress bill didn't...

Ga: It is proposed.

Sh: You mean they won't classify it?

Om: God knows. Basically, let's stay with the..., let's stay on the media topic.

Sh: I was bringing it up in a sarcastic way because every time our problem is that we are reactive, reactive, reactive. Let's be - just one time in our lives - expect the worst case scenario and be proactive so that when an event takes place we would have a blanket to fall on instead of falling to the ground. That's all I mean. That's it.
