

PROCLAMATION

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The representatives of the various national bodies in Nablus stood together to face and stop the danger of persistent settlement on Arab owned land, the most recent being that of Rougeeb, one mile east of Nablus.

The confiscation of such vast areas of private owned land leads to depriving us of source of living.

Such acts of extreme injustice press and force us to protest against these illegal measures, often referred to as such, by the U.N. and even by the American administration.

As the freedom of expression is the simplest right of man, we wish to express our rejection to the principle of settlement in the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights, by going on a general strike and a march from Al Nasr Mosque to Rougeeb on Sunday, 17th June, 79.

We wish to raise our voices high and loud so as to make the world hear our cry by which we ask:

- 1/ That the Allon Morreh be stopped and dismantled for ever.
- 2/ That we strongly reject the Camp David Agreement which certainly led to the provocative and ferocious acts by the Israelis.
- 3/ That we insist on exercising our national legitimate rights to self-determination under the leadership of the F.L.O.

The people of Nablus are holding this peaceful march in protest against the unlawful establishment of the settlements in Nablus district particularly the latest one in Rougeeb Village on private land expropriated from their owners.

The people of Nablus are unanimous in rejecting the principle of establishing settlements on their lands. They oppose it and will fight it by all legal means because they consider it contravening the international law which protects the residents of occupied territories from the usurpation of their private small plots by the occupying authorities.

From the political point of view it is a pure act of provocation to the peaceful residents of the area, which harm the peaceful co-existence between the Arab and Israelis in the Holy Land. It will undoubtedly hamper and sabotage the sincere efforts towards the eventual settlement of the Palestinian problem. From the human point of view the act is depriving the resident of the village from their meagre source of living. The people of the village have submitted to High Court Suit hoping a decision will be given against the establishment of the settlement.

But we know that the final ruling in the case is a political decision. Therefore, we appeal to everybody concerned and to all free men and workers in Israel & the world at large to do their utmost urgently in supporting our just claim by convincing the Israeli Government to amend its decision on the establishing of the Elon Moreh settlement and other such settlements in the occupied territories.

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