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*This telegram contains a message
to you from President Mubarak.
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE.
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1. PRESIDENT MUBARAK WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE PRIME MINISTER OF CERTAIN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HE FINDS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PROCESS OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. WHEN PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT AND HIS LOYALISTS DECIDED TO LEAVE TRIPOLI, HE REQUESTED EGYPT TO TAKE PART IN GUARANTEEING SAFE PASSAGE FOR THE DEPARTING MEN AND FAMILIES.

3. PRESIDENT MUBARAK SENT URGENT MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR RESPECTIVELY, ASKING THEM TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT INFLICT ANY HARM ON THE DEPARTING PALESTINIANS. ANY ACT OF AGGRESSION ON THE PART OF ISRAEL WOULD REFLECT QUITE NEGATIVELY ON THE ISRAELI INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS AND PUT TO QUESTION ITS DESIRE TO COEXIST PEACEFULLY WITH THE PALESTINIANS.

4. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED SOME ENCOURAGING REPLIES. MOREOVER, HE AGREED TO A PALESTINIAN REQUEST THAT SOME UNITS OF THE EGYPTIAN NAVY PARTAKE OF THE PROTECTION OF THE CONVOY.

5. PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF CHAIRMAN ARAFAT TO EGYPT, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PAYING A BRIEF VISIT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK.

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THAT JUNCTION. FURTHERMORE, HE NEEDED SOME TIME TO SET HIS HOUSE IN ORDER BEFORE EMBARKING ON ANY ACTION.

12. PRESIDENT MUBARAK SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD SUCH NEED AND THE LIMITATIONS ON MR ARAFAT'S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. IT IS TRUE THAT THE FEZ RESOLUTIONS ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH RESOLUTION 242 BUT CHAIRMAN ARAFAT MAY DEEM IT USEFUL, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, TO TAKE NEW STEPS AND BUILD UPON THE PALESTINIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEZ FORMULA.

13. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PRESIDENT BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO RESUME THE JORDANIAN PALESTINIAN DIALOGUE. EGYPT WAS WILLING TO DO ALL THAT IT COULD TO STIMULATE THIS DIALOGUE. SUCH STEPS WOULD HELP REGENERATE THE PEACE MOMENTUM AND WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR MOVEMENT. THE DYNAMICS OF THE SITUATION ARE APT TO CREATE NEW REALITIES THAT WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR A GENUINE CHANGE CONDUCTIVE TO ENABLING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

14. CHAIRMAN ARAFAT RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR SEIZING THE INITIATIVE AND MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM IN THE COMING FEW MONTHS.

15. THE PALESTINIAN LEADER SAID THAT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WOULD BE RENDERED MORE FRUITFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE IF ATTENDED BY MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. SINCE ISRAEL DENIES THEM THE RIGHT TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS UNDER THE PRETEXT THAT THE PLO IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO PERSUADE ISRAEL NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR ATTENDANCE OF THE COMING SESSION. IF THE ISRAELI ATTITUDE REMAINS UNCHANGED, THE UNESCAPABLE CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT IT DOES NOT ENCOURAGE PALESTINIAN MODERATION.

16. PRESIDENT MUBARAK SENT ANOTHER MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN ON THAT POINT. ISRAEL WAS CONTACTED AS WELL IN THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD APPRECIATE THE DESIRABILITY OF ALLOWING THOSE MEMBERS, WHO NUMBER A HUNDRED AND SIXTY, TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND GO BACK TO RESUME THEIR RESIDENCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

THE PRESIDENT WISHES THE PRIME MINISTER A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

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