

[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
Ni = Nihad (LNU)

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Om: ...because there is a self-rule. I believe that if you want to form an organization to match the organizations..., the Popular Front or Fatah or the..., the ones which already..., already exist on the front and deal with them...., I personally believe that anybody's secret will be revealed right now. I mean, no matter what names you will use they will be revealed because, my brother, you cannot hide a Muslim. A Muslim wants to pray. What are you going to do about him. Or is he not going to pray and....er, go attend dance parties in order to prove that he is not a Muslim. This is not possible. We tried and you cannot hide him.

UM1: So, this is a legal edict, you mean. [*Laughter and a brief UI group talk*].

Om: You want to deal with people and from the first minute you deal with people you...

[Islamic] Association [for Palestine] and we want to know them, want them to be clarified either officially or they could be agreed on here. I mean, they need to be very specific. Now, is the new Palestinian state going to....

UM2: The self-rule authority.

UM1: The new self-rule authority..., Ok, the new self-rule authority..., are we going to fight it, totally boycott it or take a neutral stand or adopt a stand which supports two solutions or exactly what? These are..., these are... We need answers which can be either provided now or be presented to the researchers so that they can give us replies to them. That's it. I left them unanswered because I don't want to answer them as I don't have enough power to answer them.

UM2: You as what? The [Islamic] Association [for Palestine] or as a Movement or what?

UM1: I'm speaking as the [Islamic] Association [for Palestine], as an individual or regarding the presentation I'm making. But, it is difficult for me to reply to these questions as they need brothers who are researchers who work on these answers.

UM2: Ok, let's move on to brother Nihad and keep in mind that - like brother Aboul Hasan mentioned - the issue of specifying goals for the future of the Palestinian activism in America is an important issue we should get out of this session like the issue of the political address for the Americans or the Islamic communities.

[UI brief group talk].

Sh: I swear by your God that war is deception. War is deception. We are fighting our enemy with a kind heart and we never thought of deceiving it. War is deception. Deceive, camouflage, pretend that you're leaving while you're walking that way. Or do we have to be...UI. Deceive your enemy.

Om: ...UI. This is like one who plays basketball; he makes a player believe that he is doing this while he does something else...UI. I agree with you. Like they say; politics is a completion of war.

Sh: Yes, politics - like war - is a deception.

UM1: So, are you going to play basketball in order to camouflage yourselves from the Organization, you mean? [Laughter].