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In an atmosphere marred by determination, energy, and resilience in supporting, defending and internationalizing the plight of Palestinian detainees, the European Alliance in Support of Palestinian Prisoners held its seventh annual conference in Malmö, Sweden on 18 and 19 June 2022.

The conference was held under the theme of international solidarity in support of the freedom of all Palestinian prisoners, especially female and administrative detainees, the sick and children, as we are witnessing an escalation of Israeli atrocities against captive Palestinians in 23 Israeli prisons and detention centers. These new cruel measures have affected all Palestinians in Israeli prisons mainly women, the sick, administrative detainees, and children. The Conference took note of Israeli inhumane treatment and continued isolation of Ahmad Manasra, who was arrested at age 13 and spent so far 7 years in jail while he continues to suffer isolation, torture, and denial of his overdue release.

We also took note of the increasing number of Palestinian hunger strikers, who are waging their empty intestines battle for improvement of their prisons' inhumane conditions. We also stand with all the detainees who decided to boycott Israeli courts since the beginning of the year to end their illegal and lengthy detention, which violates international and humanitarian law. In addition, we stand in solidarity with all sick prisoners who are subject to medical negligence, and to the denial of their basic rights for treatment and receiving the appropriate medical remedies. A case in question is that of captive Esraa Jaabis, who was denied flagrantly and repeatedly a vital surgical operation.

Furthermore, the Conference examined the case of the continued seizure of martyrs' corpses, a cruel practice which causes incessant suffering to their families. The conference had a wide and distinguished European and international presence, with the participation of important parliamentarians, lawyers, jurists, politicians, and social movements' representatives who came to express their solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The Conference was addressed by many dignitaries and activists including Her Excellency Rula Al Mhaissen, the Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Sweden, Ramzi Rabah, a member of the PLO Executive Committee, a delegation of jurists and activists from 1948 Palestine, representatives of the Palestinian Committee of Prisoners' Affairs and the Released, the Palestinian Prisoner's Club, the Center for

the Defense of Civil Rights and Liberties, and the International Association for Solidarity with Prisoners. The Conference was also attended by a large crowd of leaders, activists from Palestinian communities in European countries, the United States, and the diaspora. Recently released prisoners attended the conference, as well as several families of prisoners in Israeli jails, and many media reporters and journalists.

The conference heard live testimonies from prisoners who were subjected to arrest and torture in Israeli prisons and detention centers, and to home confinement, and the testimonies of their families regarding their suffering, which had a profound impact on the conference participants, who expressed their condemnation of Israeli practices and abuses against prisoners and their determination to escalate their solidarity with their just cause.

The conference discussed, in its workshops, the serious violations to which prisoners are subject to, especially women, the sick, administrative detainees, and children, in Israeli jails and detention centers, and the seizure of bodies of martyrs and combatants, while expressing its absolute condemnation of these flagrant violations of basic international and humanitarian law, commending the steadfastness and heroic struggle of the prisoners and their rejection of Israeli measures against them, and conveying its rejection of the extensive campaign of abuse against the six heroic prisoners who dug the tunnel of freedom to liberate themselves from Jalbou's high security prison camp, and the illegal extended sentences of retaliation issued against them by the occupation courts.

The Conference expressed its supported of the hunger strikers protesting Israeli administrative detention and expressed support for their continued boycott of the occupation courts.

The conference heard messages of solidarity from US Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Danish Member of Parliament Christian Juhl, the American-Palestinian Network of Organizations, and the World People's Summit. The conference also heard an important message from journalist Walid Al-Omari, who conveyed to the speakers the story of the murder of the iconic journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh. Many other messages were also read coming from prisoners and their families.

The Alliance offered a number of plaques in honor of the freed prisoner Hamza Younis, journalists and human rights activists, the Spaniard Ramon Pedregal Casanova, the Swedish Tjatte Hedlund and the lawyer Ali Abu Hilal, one of the founders of the Alliance.

The conference announced the Alliance's agreement with former British MP Chris Williamson, to be named as an honorary president of the European Alliance in Support of Palestinian Prisoners, replacing international activist the late Felicia Langer.

At the conclusion of the conference, the attendants of 7th annual Conference of the European Alliance in Support of Palestinian Prisoners pledged to implement the following guidelines and plans:

- 1- Expose, denounce and condemn Israeli practices and violations against prisoners, especially women, children and administrative detainees, and work to intensify the Alliance's efforts at the international level to stop the suffering of prisoners and free them from Israeli occupation jails, in coordination and cooperation with all competent bodies.

- 2- Internationalize the cause of the prisoners and expedite the referral of the crimes committed against them to the International Criminal Court, so that Israel, the occupying power, feels it is not immune from accountability and treated as a country above international law and can escape punishment. Increase the degree of cooperation with the Khiam Center and the Solidarity Foundation to achieve these goals, in addition to activating the legal, medical, press and political committees of the Alliance, in order to follow-up

the efforts made by the European Alliance in the International Criminal Court in the past period regarding the investigation of the occupation government's practices against prisoners.

3- In light of the medical negligence, intentionally practiced by the occupation authorities and Israeli prison administrations against sick prisoners, the conference decided that the Alliance's medical committee, in coordination with national institutions such as the Committee of Prisoners' Affairs and the Released and with Hurreyat Center, contact the European medical institutions and unions, and the International Red Cross to follow up on the files of sick prisoners and work on the formation of international medical delegations to review their health conditions, in addition to highlighting their sufferings and providing them with the adequate medical treatment to save their lives;

4- Condemn the Israeli occupation policy of arresting Palestinian children and violating their rights guaranteed by international law and conventions related to children's rights, especially in the case of the imprisoned child Ahmad Manasra, who is subjected to solitary confinement, medical negligence, and torture; and work to accelerate coordination with the international movement in defense of children to escalate the campaign of solidarity with them until they obtain their freedom.

5- Continue the international campaign launched by the Legal Committee of the Alliance since the beginning of the year and work together with the Palestinian Prisoners Club and the Al-Dameer Foundation to demand the cessation and abolition of the policy of administrative detention and the release of prisoners, administrative detainees, as well as the cessation of extra-judicial and summary execution in violation of international law.

6- Condemn Israeli violations against journalists and the freedom of the press. The Conference condemns in the strongest terms the intentional unprovoked murder of the iconic journalist, Shireen Abu Aqleh, by Israeli occupation forces on 11 May 2022 and calls for the formation of an independent, international, and thorough investigation to hold those responsible accountable of her murder. The conference recommends that the Media Committee step up mechanisms for solidarity with media professionals and journalists and defend their right to cover the struggles of the Palestinian people as they fight for freedom, independence, and self-determination, and utterly reject describing this struggle as a form of terrorism.

7- Launch an international campaign to condemn the Israeli occupation's policy of detaining the bodies of martyrs and prisoners while considering it a war crime and a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law, and work for the release of the bodies in order to put an end to the suffering of their families.

8- Condemn and reject the occupying power's decision to deduct prisoners' salaries from Palestinian funds and support the formation of permanent specialized international and Arab committees to provide adequate financial and moral support to prisoners.

9- Call on the Communication Committee to work on the documentation of the crimes of the occupation against the prisoners and to produce short films and publish images to explain the suffering of the prisoners to the European and international public opinion and deliver these documents to the governments and officials in Europe and around the world. The conference also recommends supporting prison literature and its publication, as well as providing the detainees with the resources and means they need to write.

10- Address the Alliance's Political Committee to actively work to increase communication with the European Parliament, local parliaments, human rights institutions, civil society, and European parties to accelerate the pace of solidarity with the prisoners.

At the end of the conference, the participants analyzed the internal situation of the Alliance and the need to activate and expand the coordination committee's activities in different countries so that they involve more

Palestinian, Arab, and foreign solidarity activists and work to expand the outreach circle in other countries and continents. As for the next conference, suggestions were made regarding its location, and its frequency.

The conference valued and thanked all donors, institutions, associations, and activists who made financial donations so that the Coordination Committee of the Alliance can successfully carry out this conference and provide the necessary requirements and suggested the need to launch other initiatives to cover financial obligations for the next conference and future activities.

The conference thanked the Alliance Coordination Committee in Sweden for its hospitality and for providing the necessary logistics for the success of the conference and expressed its gratitude to the members of the Alliance Communication Committee who did their best to provide adequate media coverage throughout the conference which assisted in the visibility of the Conference and its work.

The European Alliance in Support of Palestinian Prisoners, at the conclusion of its Seventh Conference in Malmö, Sweden, expressed its backing and support for all Palestinian detainees in the prisons of the occupying power, and reaffirmed that it will continue its efforts to internationalize their cause at all global forums, to collect all evidence and documents against their occupiers in order to help file cases against the occupation government and its leaders at the ICC and ICJ and other tribunals, and prosecute them. The Alliance expresses its determination to continue its efforts to strengthen and develop its relations with civil society institutions and human rights organizations in Europe and other parts of the world to follow up on the prisoners' problems and internationalize their cases until they are released from the prisons of the Israeli occupation.

Freedom for all Palestinian political prisoners and detainees.

Speedy recovery for all sick prisoners.

Glory to the martyrs

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