

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad meets with 8 Palestinian factions in Damascus

President al-Assad to Leaders of Palestinian Factions: It is Important to Invest Politically the Victory of the Palestinian People to Consolidate Rights, Including the Right of Return

DAMASCUS, Syria, Jan. 27 (SANA)—President Bashar al-Assad discussed on Tuesday with leaders of the Palestinian factions in Damascus the developments in Palestine following the victory of the Palestinian people and the resistance in Gaza Strip in the face of the brutal Israeli aggression, affirming the need for continuing work to lift the siege and open all crossing points permanently.



President al-Assad praised the Palestinian people's resistance, the cooperation among resistance factions during the aggression, and the people of Gaza's support for the resistance, all of which led to achieving victory and foiling the plans and goals of Israel. He called for investing politically in this victory to consolidate the Palestinian rights, including the right of return.

In turn, leaders of the Palestinian factions and groups thanked Syria's leadership and people for the support they continue to provide to the Palestinian people and the



resistance, affirming that Syria is a partner in this victory. They also affirmed their determination to continue with the resistance until they achieve victory and establish the Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

The delegation included Head of the Hamas Politburo Khaled Meshaal, Secretary General of the Islamic Jihad Movement Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, Secretary General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) Ahmad Jebril, Secretary General of the Popular Liberation War Vanguard Mohammad Khalifa, Secretary of the Palestinian National Liberation Movement Fath-Intifada Abu-Moussa, Secretary General of the Palestinian Public Struggle Front Khaled Abdul-Majid, Secretary General of the Palestinian Revolutionary Communist Party Arabi Awad, Secretary General of the Palestinian Liberation Front Abu-Nidal al-Ashkar, and Assistant Secretary General of the PFLP-GC Dr. Talal Naji.

President al-Assad previously met Head of the Hamas Politburo Khaled Meshaal on Saturday and members of the Politburo. During the meeting, President al-Assad congratulated the Palestinian people on the victory of the Palestinian resistance in Gaza Strip.

President al-Assad also affirmed that the failure of Israel to achieve its goals in Gaza

despite using the deadliest weapons proves that the Palestinian people are committed to their rights and to their land, and that it also shows their deep faith in their inevitable victory over occupation and aggression.

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President al-Assad Awards Algerian Freedom Fighter Jamila Bouhired the Syrian Order of Merit of Excellent Degree

DAMASCUS, Syria, Jan. 27 (SANA)—President Bashar al-Assad received on Tuesday Algerian freedom fighter Mrs. Jamila Bouhired and awarded her with the Syrian Order of Merit of Excellent Degree in recognition of her honorable participation in the struggle to achieve Algeria's independence during the French occupation, and also in appreciation of her current stances in support of resistance to restore the rights and liberate the occupied Arab lands.



Mrs. Bouhired expressed pride for receiving this distinction, voicing her high appreciation of Syria under the leadership of President al-Assad due to Syria's constant support to the resistance and the just Arab causes.

Jamila Bouhired was born in Algiers in 1935, joining commando brigades in her twenties. She was among the first volunteers for planting bombs on the routes of French colonial patrols, becoming the most wanted woman by the French before her arrest in 1957 when she was shot in the shoulder.

She was tortured at the hands of the French to testify against her comrades to no avail, and the French sentence her to death. The public outcry forced the French to reduce the sentence. She spent three years in prison in Algeria, and two years in France before being released in 1962 following the independence of Algeria.

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Syrian doctors talk about the horrible scenes of the Israeli aggression in Gaza

HOMS and QUNAITERA, Syria, Jan. 27 (SANA)—Members of the Syrian medical team who returned back from Gaza underlined Tuesday that the Israeli aggression on the strip has targeted everything through using international prohibited weapons that made the bodies of children and women as a field of experiments.

“The Syrian doctors did their best and rushed with big enthusiasm to relive the families and wounded in Gaza who offered

sacrifices to confront the aggression,” the doctors said during two meetings with al-Qunaitera and Homs governors.

The doctors briefed the governors on the shocking scenes they saw in Gaza as a result of the Israeli inhuman brutality which used weapons that exceed all ugliness and indicate to the meanness and immorality of the Israeli occupation which threw aside all human norms and values.

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