

## Palestine Brief, 19 Nov. 03

### Two occupation elements annihilated

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[Xinhuanet]-- The Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) Wednesday claimed responsibility for killing two Israeli soldiers on a road between Bethlehem and Jerusalem in the West Bank.



The group, headed by Ahmed Jibril, said in a leaflet sent to reporters that PFLP-GC militants opened fire at an Israeli army roadblock south of Jerusalem, and killed two Israeli soldiers.

The attack was carried out "to show the continuation of the Palestinians' armed struggle against and reaction to the daily Zionist crimes committed round the clock against our people," the leaflet said.

*"This attack was a message that we reject all proposals and ideas to stop the armed resistance," it added.*

The Israel Radio earlier reported that two Israeli soldiers were shot dead near Jerusalem, saying that one Palestinian militant managed to reach an Israeli army roadblock, killing one soldier and critically wounded the other, who died later of his wounds.

The Israeli army has imposed curfew on the village of Al Khader near Jerusalem, where the Israeli army suspected the militant was hiding, and arrested three Palestinian suspects.

**Mishaal: We are ready to study Hudna [الهدنة] when Zionists stop aggression**

**Doha [PIC]** Khaled Mishaal, political bureau chief of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, has declared that his Movement was ready for studying a new Hudna [الهدنة] with the Zionist enemy after it halts aggression against the Palestinian people.

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Mishaal, in an interview with the Qatari newspaper 'Al-Raya', explained that any party wishing to mediate a new Hudna [الهدنة] should first achieve a halt to Zionist attacks then Palestinian resistance would study a ceasefire.

He reiterated Hamas' preparedness to neutralize [attacks on] civilians on both sides in accordance with certain conditions.

The Hamas leader affirmed that the Qassam Brigades, the military wing of his Movement, was strong and growing despite Zionist strikes and assassinations.

He acknowledged that international pressures were being exerted on the political wing of the Movement but affirmed that such pressures would not deter Hamas or force it sway from its positions.

Mishaal noted that certain European parties were still maintaining contacts with his Movement even after the European decision enlisting Hamas as a "terrorist organization".

The Hamas leader expressed absolute rejection of the so-called "Switzerland document" [Geneva Accord], arguing that it was drafted in an attempt to show that there was a possible horizon for a solution to the Palestinian-Zionist conflict.

He noted that, however, that it addressed wrong messages especially through its articles revoking the Palestinian refugees' right of return and giving up sovereignty over Al-Quds to the Hebrew state.

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