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The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement

The Palestinian Cabinet condemns the Israeli escalation, storming attacks and evacuations in the Al- Aqsa Mosque, salutes the Palestinian citizens on the commemoration of the Nakba Day, and invites all citizens to participate in the events to be held on this occasion.

During its weekly meeting held in Ramallah today, the Palestinian Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh:

- **S**aluted the Palestinian citizens at home, refugee camps, and in the diaspora for commemorating 71 years of the Nakba, and emphasized on the importance of reviving the Nakba commemoration events, considering next Wednesday an educational day on Palestine and its history to keep the Nabka and its memory alive in the heart and mind of every Palestinian .*"More than seven decades have passed since the Nakba 'the catastrophe,' but it's tragic memories confirm the determination of our citizens to continue their national and legitimate struggle in gaining their inalienable rights under the umbrella of the Palestine Liberation Organization.*

- **C**alled upon the world countries that believe in the two-state solution to respond to the Israeli threats on annexing parts of the West Bank to take the necessary precautionary measures and recognize the State of Palestine on the borders of June 4, 1967, with Jerusalem as its capital and the right of return for refugees. *"We still reject the Israeli deductions of the Palestinian tax funds, for political and legal reasons, and it aims at convicting our citizens in the occupation jails and prisons. On this note, we call upon the European countries and the World Bank to send investigation teams to examine the Israeli deductions of our tax funds since we believe that most of the deductions are unfair, unaudited and carried out without any transparency,"* Prime Minister Dr. Shtayyeh stated.

- **A**nnounced that under the supervision of President Mahmoud Abbas and through the Red Crescent Society, the Gaza Strip will receive 25k ritual animal sacrifice donated by the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah to help the poor citizens in the Strip.

- **C**ondemned the latest escalation of the Israeli occupation forces and storming attacks of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and assaults against the Palestinian worshipers causing wounds and injuring citizens. The Cabinet, in this context, called upon the international community, and the Arab and Islamic countries to shoulder their responsibilities to stop the Israeli escalation against Palestinian citizens and their land.

- **D**enounced the Israeli occupation forces evicting Palestinian families from their homes in the area of Hamsa al-Fawqa near the Jordan Valley, under the pretext of

conducting military exercise in the region, and the detention of journalists and human rights activists for later hours at night.

- **D**iscussed a proposal to establish a vocational college for vocational training in Palestine, which aims at providing a variety of programs in terms of duration and specialization for graduates and unemployed, as well as bridging the gap between the outputs of educational institutions and the requirements of the labor market.

- **E**xamined a proposal to establish a bank for the economic development of small and medium enterprises in order to promote economic and social development, and enable self-employment through integrating its financing activities with the governmental development plans and strategies to achieve aspired development goals.

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