



## **PALESTINIAN ASSEMBLY for LIBERATION**

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### **The Palestinian Assembly for Liberation Demands Accountability for the Assassination of Nizar Banat and a Boycott of the PNA until Free and Fair Elections are Held**

The Palestinian Assembly for Liberation, and the communities we represent, strongly condemn and deplore the brutal assassination of Palestinian political activist Nizar Banat.

After repeated failed attempts to silence Nizar Banat, the US-funded, CIA trained, Preventative Security Services (PSS) of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) assassinated him in cold blood. Since its inception, the PSS has served as the coordination vehicle between the PNA and the Israeli colonizing forces, and has always prioritized the interests of the Israeli colonizer and its allies above the interests of the Palestinian people. The PNA bears equal, separate and joint responsibility for this assassination and must be fully held accountable.

At a time when the Palestinian people are rising up effectively against Israeli injustice and colonization, inspiring a burgeoning global solidarity for Palestinian liberation, and rebuilding Palestinian unity- from Sheikh Jarrah, to Silwan, Beita, Gaza, Al Lydd, and across the refugee camps surrounding Palestine, the PNA's murder of Banat has shifted attention away from Israeli violence and crimes against the Palestinian people. The PNA extends that violence while compromising Palestinian unity in our struggle for liberation.

Despite global rebuke and protests demanding that the PNA step down, it has only acted with increased repression of the very people it claims to represent and whom it should in fact be defending.

By effecting and executing colonial orders and by its long and well-documented history of violent repression against Palestinian liberation activists, the PNA has amply demonstrated that in its current form it does not and cannot represent Palestinian national interests. It is also unequivocally clear that the PNA is mired by corruption and will continue collaboration with the Israeli colonizing forces. Furthermore, the PNA mandate by way of elections expired in 2009 and it has failed to hold elections as demanded by the Palestinian people.

At this critical juncture in the struggle for Palestinian liberation it is crucial to return to the original mission of the PLO, dismantle the colonial coordination mechanisms produced by the Oslo Accords, and to hold to account all the “leaders” who took our cause down this disastrous path.

**Therefore, we call upon all of Palestine’s supporters, be they governments, organizations, or individuals, to boycott the PNA until the reinstatement of the PLO Charter and the following demands are met:**

- (1) The immediate formation of an independent fact-finding committee, independent of any PNA bodies, to investigate the assassination of Nizar Banat and corruption within the PNA;**
- (2) The arrest of all those who participated in the planning or the assassination of Nizar Banat, and charging them with murder, by that same independent committee;**
- (3) The release of all political prisoners from Palestinian prisons and adoption of the Palestinian demand for the release of those in Israeli prisons;**
- (4) The formation of a committee to forthwith arrange for inclusive PNC, legislative and presidential elections within a prompt and clear timeframe. Until such elections are had, there must be formed an interim transitional national unity government. Both bodies, interim and standing, shall be primarily tasked with ensuring Palestinian needs are met with integrity, and that all elected agencies and officials are in sole service of the Palestinian people, and most primarily in service of the Palestinian struggle for liberation and return;**
- (5) The immediate restructuring of the Palestinian security services to serve and defend the Palestinian national interests and people, primarily against all forms and manifestations of Israeli colonization.**
- (6) Rebuilding and revitalizing the PLO and its mandate as per the principles of Palestinian National Charter.**

We honor Nizar Banat's steadfastness in resisting colonization as well as internal corruption by reaffirming our commitment to the principles for which he lived and died. We send our deepest condolences to his family, wife and children, and the entire Palestinian people.

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