

“U.S.S.R. News Agency TASS Statement on the Occasion of the Visit of Palestine Liberation Organisation Executive Committee Chairman Arafat to the Soviet Union [Condensed]”, Moscow, February 20, 1970. *Current Digest of the Soviet Press* XXII, 8 (1970): 18.¹

A delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) headed by Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the PLO executive committee, was in the Soviet Union from 10 February to 20 February at the invitation of the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee...

Talks took place in Moscow between the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee and the Palestine Liberation Organisation delegation on questions of interest to both organisations, including cooperation in the common struggle to eliminate the consequences of Israel's imperialist Zionist aggression and in defence of the lawful rights and interests of the Arab people of Palestine.

The members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation delegation told about their people's struggle and about the people's resistance in the territories occupied by the Israeli usurpers – resistance that grows more intense with each passing day.

The delegation expressed sincere thanks to the Soviet people for their steadfast and firm support of the Arab people's just struggle.

The Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee emphatically condemned the Israeli aggressors' provocations against the Arab peoples – provocations that are continuing with the support of U.S. imperialist circles – and the aggressors' crimes against the civilian population of the occupied Arab lands.

It was emphasised that the Soviet people have sided resolutely with the Arab people against the Israeli aggressors and their imperialist supporters and in support of the Palestinian Arab people's national liberation and anti-imperialist struggle.

The talks were conducted in a friendly atmosphere...

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