

Tel Aviv Meeting 05.07.05

Palestinian Side

Major General/Jamal Abu Zaid
Major General/Ribhi Arafat
Brigadier General/Mohammad Ibrahim Rajab
Colonel/Walid Abu Ali
Colonel/Hazem Attallah
Colonel/Jihad Jayyousi
Mr./Gaith Alomari

Israeli Side

General /Haki
General/Dan
Brigadier General/Udi Dekel
Colonel/Cobi
Colonel/Pauli
Major/Zeidan

Israeli Side:

- Welcome speech

Major General/Jamal Abu Zaid:

- Gratitude for the good reception
- The period between both meetings is too long and we see that the shorter the period between the meetings the better.
- Regarding the plan, it is still unstable because the information that we took from you was not complete and needs to define the distance between the Palestinian and Israeli corridor.
- Will the locations of the Palestinian forces be continuous or in the form of patrols and will there be exchange of visions.
- We see that there should be different distinguishing marks for the Palestinian and the Israeli forces.

Israeli Side:

- In the previous meeting we presented a general working plan and it is relevant that the Palestinian plan is known and that there is coordination between us.

MG Jamal:

- We need timing to transport the forces to the locations that will be evacuated (opening of axis points or closing them).
- Generally, we can give you this plan (plan is handed over).

Israeli Side:

- Request to explain this Palestinian plan.

MG Jamal: explains the Palestinian plan.

Instructions for Operations:**First: General (Introduction)**

- The objective is the control by the Authority of lands and settlements that are evacuated by Israel.
- Required time is 5 weeks.
- Responsibilities will be handed over at the same time in the town of Jenin.
- It is relevant to draw a speedy plan.
- The Authority will take over all facilities such as water and energy. Regarding these facilities the picture is not clear and we do not have any idea about them. However we believe that the residential houses will be destroyed.
- We hope that the withdrawal will occur under quiet circumstances and we also hope that there will be no tension and there will be announcements and advertisements on the subject of withdrawal.
- The need to know the limitations that are expected to be put on movement between Gaza and the West Bank and the locations in Gaza.
- The plan requires quick moves and complete readiness. Means of communication have to be available immediately.

Second: The Mission:

Maintaining security and order in Gaza and Northern West Bank to guarantee the achievement of the Israeli withdrawal operation in a successful manner.

The phases of the plan are threefold:

1. The first phase starts from 16.06 and includes restructuring of forces, rehabilitating them, planning and coordinating well, liaising between the security forces and the coordination between ministries, uncovering potential dangers in the disengagement plan, being ready to take over Jenin and preparing Palestinian public opinion to accept this plan.
2. The second stage commences from 15.08 and ends after the control of the Gaza and Northern West Bank settlements.

- Forces deploy in the specified locations according to plan.
- Refuse entry to anyone who has no business and is not involved.
- Prohibit any interference that aims to stop or stand in the way of the withdrawal of the Israeli forces.
- Be prepared to dispatch support and control forces.
- Coordinate with the Israeli side
- Support and reinforce the media and advertisement campaign.

3. The third phase: Handing over Settlements.

- This will take two weeks and could span until 15 September.
- The cleansing and scanning operation of the areas of the settlements to make sure they are safe and clean.
- Limit entrance and exist to and from the settlements.
- Evaluate the security needs in the settlements.

Roles:

- All Palestinian security forces have a role.
- National Security is responsible for control and entry.
- The Police support the security forces.
- The Intelligence supports on all levels and with all information.
- The Preventive Security supports on all levels and with all information.

Roles of the National Security Forces:

The First Phase (Preparations):

- Define the areas that need special care.
- Prepare locations.
- Draw a plan for coordination with the forces and the ministries.
- Coordinate with the Israeli Forces and with the commanders in the areas.
- Prepare plans and means of communication and there will be training on exchange of information and communication.

The Second Phase (Deployment):

- The National Security forces will deploy after receiving orders and coordinating with the Israeli side.

The Third Phase (Handing over Settlements to the Ministries):

- Cleansing settlements and transferring them to ministerial committees.
- The police will continue implementing these orders
- The Green Line will be controlled and any illegal actions will be prohibited.

The Roles of the Police:

The First Phase (Security Readiness, impose order by going about their work normally).

- Intensify the presence of Police in cities.
- The presence of police operation officers in the joint operation rooms.
- Joint training with other forces and the order keeping force.

The Second Phase (Continue operations and making available forces and requirements for maintaining order).

- There are simple engineering divisions that will cooperate with the Civil Defense and the International Engineering Team to cleanse settlements and make sure that they are free from any suspicious or strange object.

The Third Phase (Handing over settlements to ministerial committees).

- International committees will supervise the handing over and taking over by the Police force to the ministerial committees.

The Roles of the General Intelligence:

- It is part of the Palestinian National Institutions plan.
- Its main role is an informational role.
- Its aims are to safeguard the agreements and security control.
- The best use of information prior to, during and after withdrawal.
- Activation and animation with other security forces.
- Work on retrieving the reverence of the Authority.

Implementation Mechanisms for the Roles of the Intelligence:

- Operation rooms for each area and its auxiliaries.
- Specify the organizations that might conduct operations during and after the withdrawal.
- Specify all factors that might work against the withdrawal.
- Specify all financial resources of the opposition forces.
- Deal with fugitives and absorbing them.
- Defining the sources of weapons and explosive factories.

Roles of Preventive Security:

- It is part of the Palestinian National Institutions plan.
- Its main role is an informational one.
- Its aims are to safeguard agreements and security control.

The First Phase (Preparations):

- Best use of information prior to, during and after the withdrawal.
- Animating and activating with other security forces.
- Work on retrieving the reverence of the Authority.
- Focusing on certain axis in order to allow for a successful withdrawal and it is the responsible force for the informational side and supplying the operations command with all kinds of incoming information from different sources.
- Immediate and quick evaluations for circumstances.
- Participate through operation rooms.
- Update information.
- Set up programmes and plans to know opposition sides and field and political leaders of these sides and focus on their sources of weapons and the operations that they intend to carry out and those who will implement them.
- Knowing everyone that is involved in weapons smuggling, tunnels, workshops that manufacture them.
- Focus on activating the human resource network.

The Second Phase (During Withdrawal):

- Follow-up on forces supervising taking over the settlements and reinforcing them with information immediately.
- Perceive Public Opinion.

The Third Phase (Taking over the Settlements)

- Activate work and impose control and rule of law and draw conclusions and lessons to re-organise the following phase.

Roles of the Civil Defense:

First Phase:

- Look for water resources and specify locations that are usable and that have usable water.
- Know energy sources.

- Rehabilitating units.

Second Phase:

- Escort the different National Security forces and extinguishing any fires that might erupt, assist and support the forces until they enter the settlements.

Third Phase:

- Transport equipment to specified locations inside the settlements.
- Readiness for any emergency.
- Participate in cleansing the settlements with the engineering team.
- Participating in closing tunnels.
- Participating in cleansing the environment.

The Israeli Side:

- We understand the initial principles to get ready for the mission.
- The plan and the programme are well prepared.
- We think that the first phase has to be more detailed.
- We would like to talk about the principles of coordination.
- We would like to specify the objectives that are to be achieved.
- Draw a time schedule for coordination between us for the coming weeks.

Principles of Coordination:

1. The need to coordinate on all levels.
2. Setting up a coordinating department on the level of divisions and brigades during the whole period of disengagement.
3. Preparing the programme after the Palestinians prepare the Palestinian programmes.
4. Conducting a joint field visit.
5. Drawing a map for common language.
6. Specifying means of communication.
7. Conducting an exercise on the table during all meetings (a table maneuver).
8. Coordinating work and the fashion of the handing over of security responsibilities over the settlements.

Aims of the Coordination:

1. Prohibit all forms of launching fire.
2. Prohibit the digging of tunnels.

3. Prohibit booby traps.
4. Prohibit launching fire and rockets.
5. Coordinate the movement of civilians during the disengagement.
6. In principle, there is no decision to prohibit movement, however, under certain circumstances, movement will be prohibited.
7. Prohibit strangers from entering into settlements prior to handing over of responsibility.
8. The Palestinians have the responsibility of handing over any Israeli, who enters Palestinian areas during withdrawal.
9. Prohibit any operations targeting crossings in order to enable Palestinian citizens to enter and exit safely.
10. Handing over all settlements and safeguarding water and electricity.

The Israeli Side

- The meetings are good..thank you for the joint work.
- The required result is how to achieve a time schedule for disengagement.

MG/Jamal

- You have to submit the plans to us in written form (the Israeli commander hands over the plan and the principles of coordination to MG Jamal).

Remarks:

- We would like to intensify meetings and increase them in order to inform field commanders and submit details to them.
- We highly value the meeting that will take place between the Israeli commander (Aviv) and MG Suleiman Hilles.
- We hope to discuss the deployment plan and the map of common language and field work.
- Explain the details of everything.
- We hope that the encounter on the field level will take place this week.
- We expect a withdrawal plan programme for the area of Nitsarim and the north as well as Gush Katif and to coordinate the Gaza Strip.

First Week (the current week): Set a work programme.

- Coordination: the Israeli Forces that will deploy in front of the Palestinian forces.
- The Palestinian Forces that will deploy for security and in the areas where rockets are launched.
- Ways of transporting forces from area to area.

Second Week: the need to carry out meetings and coordinate on the level of brigade commanders until 21.07:

- Put forward a comprehensive and complete programme for the level of divisions and brigades, then put forward a map of common language. After rectifying these programmes, we will conduct a field visit on the field and to the locations of forces.
- On 01.08 there will be a meeting to agree on the programme in a clear and comprehensive way. Work will be conducted over a joint work table involving the commanders.
- With this, we will be ready on 15.08 for implementation. At the same time, we will prepare ourselves at the end of July to take over areas and set up programmes.

Clarification:

Meeting on the level of brigades

- Aviv + Suleiman
- Nidal and the counterpart
- Orders are clear .. instructions for operations on the lowest level with a meeting per week in order to know the extent of development and how to implement the programmes.
- Principles and coordination have to correspond to each other.
- One week after the meeting,

meeting of brigades commanders (commander of the Northern area meets his Israeli counterpart)

meeting (commander of the Southern area meets his Israeli counterpart.)

Colonel/Jihad Jayyousi

- Ganim + Kadim
- Sanor + Homesh
- It is relevant to transfer Palestinian responsibility to Jenin prior to implementing redeployment in the Northern settlements.

Israeli Side:

- We would like to have the responsibility transferred to the Palestinians during deployment.
- We hope that the deployment will take place in the rest of the cities in the same manner.
- The Prime Minister has taken a strategic decision with the withdrawal.
- We believe that this decision has to be implemented through coordination.
- In the case that the withdrawal is successful in Gaza, we will withdraw from the Northern West Bank and then move to other areas.

MG Ribhi:

- When withdrawal takes place in any area, this area will become under Palestinian sovereignty.
- The need to withdraw from Jenin so as to amass Palestinian forces to make the redeployment operation successful.

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