

The “hudna” Document of “ Hamas ”¹

Proposal for Creating Suitable Conditions for Ending the Conflict

1. An Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank to agreed-upon temporary borders.
2. A five-year *hudna*, during which there will be no Palestinian attacks within Israel or on Israelis anywhere. There will be no Israeli attacks in the Palestinian territories or on Palestinians anywhere.
3. Israel will refrain from taking any steps that might change the situation in the territories that were not under Israeli rule in July 4, 1967. No new buildings will be put up in the settlements, no new roads will be built there and no changes will be made in open areas.
4. The Palestinians will be able to move freely inside the West Bank territories and to enter East Jerusalem freely.
5. [The Palestinians] will be able to travel freely between the West Bank and Gaza and to travel freely to Egypt and Jordan.
6. International supervision: Any violation of articles 1-5 will constitute a violation of the *hudna*."

"Rationale

The *hudna* will be a period of building goodwill between the Israelis and Palestinians, [which will allow] progress to be made in practical and serious measures towards establishing two viable states, side by side, that will be able to exist in the future. The *hudna*, which will last five years, will be a significant preparatory stage towards a permanent peace agreement with Israel. This *hudna* will give both peoples - the Israelis and the Palestinians - an opportunity to build mutual trust and to outline future prospects. If [the *hudna*] is successful, the Muslim world will grant the Palestinian government greater leeway and freedom to search for ways of permanently resolving the conflict with Israel.

"The Palestinian vision for the period after the *hudna* is the establishment of a Palestinian state in all the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and preservation of the principle of the right of return."

"The Immediate Goal:

To end the armed conflict, including the Israelis' and Palestinians' mutual attacks on one another, and to end the international economic and political isolation of the Palestinian government, which will help the Palestinian people to develop their economy and attain prosperity."

"The Palestinians Will Undertake:

1. To honor the *hudna* which
 - a. will be five years in duration,
 - b. will be respected by all the Palestinian factions,
 - c. will apply to all of Israel and to the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967.

2. To cease all armed operations within Israel and all hostilities towards Israelis anywhere.
3. To facilitate the establishment of joint Israeli-Palestinian [commercial] zones and economic initiatives (industrial, agricultural, etc.) [involving] Gaza, the West Bank and Israel.
4. To maintain normal commercial relations with Israel
5. To allocate all international funds to government activities and initiatives and not to the Hamas movement. To this end, the [Palestinian] government will establish an independent economic council of Palestinian academics and professionals which will work directly with the international community and will submit reports to its [representatives]. This council will oversee the governments' use of funds and will ensure compliance with the guidelines of the [international] community.
6. To submit transparent reports regarding the expenditure of funds from Arab and Muslim sources, which should be transferred directly to the [Palestinian] Ministry of Finance.
7. To provide all required security guarantees (similar to those provided at the Rafah border crossing) in return for freedom of passage [between the Palestinian territories] and the rest of the world, and free international trade.
8. To strictly observe international standards of democracy, rule of law and proper government.
9. To strictly observe the international law and the Geneva Conventions."

"Israel Will Undertake:

1. To honor the *hudna*, which
 - a. Will be five years in duration,
 - b. Will be respected by all the Israeli security forces,
 - c. Will apply to all of Israel and to the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967.
2. To cease all types of military activity within the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, and [all] actions of (deliberate) killing of Palestinians anywhere in world, as well as to remove all checkpoints in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967.
3. To suspend all Israeli construction activities (settlements, roads, schools, etc.) outside the area ruled by Israel in June 4, 1967, including the fence.
4. To release all political prisoners.
5. To ensure free passage and trade between Gaza and the West Bank, as well as between the occupied Palestinian territories and the Arab world.

6. To permit the renewal of the construction of the international port in Gaza (in accordance with previous agreements) and of the airport in the West Bank (in Qalandia).
7. To permit residents of the West Bank and Gaza to enter East Jerusalem freely; and to permit Palestinians with Jerusalem I.D. cards to enter the West Bank and Gaza, thus preserving their identity and allowing them free participation in the Palestinian political arena.
8. To establish joint Israeli-Palestinian [commercial] zones and economic initiatives (industrial and agricultural) [involving] Gaza, the West Bank and Israel, and to permit Palestinian laborers to work in Israel.
9. To strictly observe international law and the Geneva Conventions."

"The Role of the International Community

The international community will work to maintain the *hudna* and will contribute to the building of trust between the two sides. The international community will also play a role in preventing non-compliance with previous agreements. To this end, a multinational force will be established, headed by the Quartet and by Turkey, whose mission will be to ensure that both sides respect the terms of the *hudna*, as well as to provide security guarantees. The multinational force will assist in and ensure the implementation of the agreement and the resolving of conflicts related to it, and will impose punitive measures should the agreement be violated. Periodic reports will be submitted to the Security Council, indicating [the extent] to which each side is honoring the *hudna*."

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