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1. While he was staying at the Nab'a al-Shuqayf Hotel near Bhandun, Hajj Amin HUSAYNI held a number of meetings to discuss the Palestine question and plans for a revolt against the Hashimites. Those who attended the meetings, in spite of the presence of Surete members, included Lutfi al-KAYFAR, former Syrian Prime Minister; Nabih al-ADHAMAN, Vice-President of the Syrian Committee for the Defense of Palestine; Ahmad al-KALANJ, President of the Veterans' Association and Syrian Chief of General Staff; Mas'ud Pasha KUKHULIS, President of the Iraqi Senate; Sheikh Muhammad Mahdi QAYLANI; Raja'i al-SUDAYNI; and Isma' al-KAWIR.

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2. In a discussion which took place in the house of Sadi SHAWWA at which Hilmi 'ARDUSHI, two Palestine Arab leaders, and Dr. Muhammad KHALID, son of the Mufti of Lebanon, were present, it was said that the Grand Mufti has sent a two man delegation to STALIN asking Russian support for the Arabs of Palestine.

3. At a meeting in the house of the Syrian Minister of Finance, Hajj Nabih al-KAWIR, ~~Sabih al-KHAYYAT, Ahmad al-KHAYYAT, Salim al-Fattah al-KHAYYAT, Naji al-KHAYYAT, Ibrahim al-KHAYYAT, Mas'ud al-KHAYYAT, Mustafa al-KHAYYAT, and Raja'i al-SUDAYNI~~, announced that they had formed a group of Syrians, Palestinians, and Circassians in Damascus to assassinate King ABDALLAH.

4. The Grand Mufti met a group in the house of ~~Mahmud al-Dabbas~~, including Muhammad Rustum ~~al-Dabbas~~, head of the Moslem Youth Organization; ~~Abd al-Karim al-Dabbas~~, and ~~Abd al-Karim al-Dabbas~~, head of the Falah Youth Organization, and asked them to continue to recruit young men for Palestine.

5. The Grand Mufti visited the Mufti of Lebanon and told him that Rumania, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia will supply arms and ammunition for use in Palestine. The Mufti added that Russia was back of this program, and would also supply arms if the Arab States come to an agreement with her.

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6. A special invitation meeting was held in Damascus in the house of Abd-al-Muhaimin USZAYANI, attended by about 100 notables, including religious and quarter leaders. USZAYANI made a speech encouraging killing the Jews and seizing their money and property for the use of Arab Palestinian refugees.
7. Another meeting took place in Shtaura last week in the house of Fakhri al-KAYALI, which was attended by several Iraqis and several Syrians, including Bashir al-SAKKI, Rida SHAMAH, Sa'id al-Fattah al-IMAM, and several Lebanese, including Sa'ad al-Din Samad al-SHAYKHA. The discussion stressed strong anti-ANDALIAN propaganda, open ATTACK against the Jews, and taking over their money and properties in Syria, Lebanon and other Arab States.

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