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(An official British source):

The former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, arrived in Syria in early July 1956, with instructions from the Egyptian President Jamal Abd NASSR to confer with the exiled leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood concerning the effect the group's propaganda had on the Arabs in Muslim countries. With the aid of their supporters in Damascus, exiled Muslim Brotherhood leaders have produced a weekly paper, al-Shihab and a weekly magazine, Itwan al-Muslimin. However, NASSR was particularly concerned about the effect of the Islamic Conference which was held in Damascus at the end of June.

Haj Amin had discussions with the leading Muslim Brothers over a two-week period at the end of which they finally agreed to stop their propaganda activities and cooperate with the Egyptian government. Their terms are as follows:

- a. The release of the leader Hasan Al-HUDAYFI, the return of all his confiscated property, and compensation for his material and moral losses.
- b. Cancellation of the decrees outlawing the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, with the return of property to the organization and compensation for their losses, plus compensation for the families of those sentenced to death.

Hajj AMIN promised to transmit these terms to NASSR.

Hajj AMIN was asked by the Syrian Government to supervise the preparation of the Fidayin units in Syria, composed of Palestinian youths, for the sabotage inside of Israel. As of August, Hajj regularly visited the commando training camps, which are situated outside the Damascus, near the Israeli border, on the southern road from Damascus to Lebanon.

..... There are 10 units in Syria, consisting of 50 men, between 25 and 30 yrs. Training includes operational intelligence, etc. Syrian officers train them.

In August their number one leader was Fawzi al-KHAYI of Jerusalem, 30 year old, follower of the Mufti, who sent him to Germany for world war training. He was then parachuted into Jericho, and joined Abd al Qadir, Mufti's cousin, and his activities were to blow up the Palestine Post building.

Haj AMIN is trying to get the Syrian govt to increase this Fidayin infiltration. For further information on ISLAMIC conference, see TDCS, 106227.

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