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[ (U) Text of Press Statement issued by the Islamic Action Front  
[IAF] in Jordan on 18 September]

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policy and the original copyright.The Executive Bureau of the Islamic Action Front [IAF] held its  
regular meeting and after debating the issues on the agenda, the  
conferees arrived at the following:First: Domestic Affairs: The Government continues its policy of  
persecuting and arresting Hirak activists and leveling against them  
the most serious charges (subverting the regime). Following the  
arrest of eight Al-Hirak activists - several of whom have been in  
detention for more than three months - and their referral to the  
State Security Court despite its unconstitutionality and refusal of

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the democratic world to recognize it - political activist Rami Sahwil joined the other detainees after he was arrested for taking a solidarity stand with the Popular Committee To Defend Detainees. Like his eight companions, Sahwil was charged with subverting the regime, a charge that is not to the advantage of the regime to bring up as if the Jordanian regime is so frail that it can be subverted by a word here or there.

The ongoing arrests, framing detainee, and ignoring the voices calling for their release are not in harmony with the articles of the constitution that guarantee civil liberties, including freedom of expression. They also contradict what the Government keeps proclaiming about protection of the rights of citizens. They also contradict international laws and charters and do not provide a suitable climate for dialogue and national reconciliation. The Government's actions are thus not in harmony with national interests that impose on everyone a high level of wisdom, forbearance, tolerance, and avoidance of raising tensions. The conferees affirm that the detainees should be released immediately, political detentions should be stopped, and a suitable environment should be created leading to national reconciliation that would enable us to confront the challenges and crises facing the homeland.

The Government continues to follow a tax-collection policy that is inflicting severe difficulties on the citizens by widening the scope of poverty and hardships. After its decisions to raise the price of oil derivatives and of electric power, the talk is now about raising the price of bread, water, and livestock feed. We in the IAF stress that we reject this policy that defied the basic needs of the Jordanian people while exploiting the climate in the region. We call on the Government to stop this policy and not test the patience of the Jordanian people. Raising the bread, water, and livestock feed bills have serious repercussions on the lives and social security of the citizens.

We also wish to affirm that raising the prices of these commodities

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and services affects the consumption bill of all citizens directly or indirectly. Raising the price of bread for non-Jordanians will impact on the wages of the expatriate labor force that the citizens pay. Moreover, the excuse of exporting livestock is not convincing. Not all livestock is exported and what is exported is beneficial to livestock breeders and the state treasury. All this serves Jordan's national interests.

Moreover, the Government surprises us every now and then by raising customs fees and rates on basic commodities. Reports indicate that the Government raised customs fees on imported clothes from 5 percent to 20 percent. This is a high and unjustified increase. We call on the Government to stop its tax-collection policy and promote job-generating investment projects that ensure revenues for the treasury, instead of resorting to policies that exhaust the citizens by raising prices and fees.

Second: Palestinian affairs: The Zionist enemy continues its aggression on the Palestinian people, land, and holy places. The Al-Aqsa Mosque continues to be stormed and efforts to sharing it are in full progress. Meanwhile, the government that has religious jurisdiction on the holy sites stands idly by content with appeals and denunciations. We wish to affirm that if this approach is required and acceptable to the citizens and the popular forces, it is unacceptable from the government after it has been demonstrated that this approach of appeals and denunciations is futile. It is high time for the Government to suspend the agreements signed with the Zionist enemy or, at least, to link these agreements to the suspension of all measures against the holy sites. This is the least that should be done. It is the only language that the enemy understands and heeds.

The enemy continues its attacks on the Palestinian towns, villages, and camps. The most recent incident took place in the Janin camp where martyr Islam al-Tubasi was executed in cold blood. This Zionist disregard of the lives, land, and holy sites of the Palestinian

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people would not have continued if the Palestinian Authority [PA] respects the Palestinian national interests or attaches importance to the Palestinian national principles. However, the PA has become a pliant tool in the hands of the Zionist enemy and the American Administration. The enemy scorns and disregards all the rights and interests of the Palestinian people.

We call on the PA to finally give up the negotiations and concessions approach and return to the Palestinian people by working hard and seriously with all the Palestinian factions and forces to consolidate national unity around a struggle program committed to the Palestinian national principles, headed by liberation and return. As for the Gaza Strip, the tragic conditions there are seriously threatening the lives of the citizens due to the tightening of the siege on the Gaza Strip as part of a regional and international scheme targeting the head of the resistance and trying to break the will of the Palestinian people.

We in the IAF condemn the conspiracy being carried out by the coupists in Egypt and their allies in the region and the American Administration by destroying the tunnels, which are the lifeline of our kinfolks in the Gaza Strip, closing the Rafah crossing point, and depriving the Palestinians of the most basic needs for life, such as food, medicines, energy, and construction materials, thus turning life there into an intolerable hell. We also condemn the media campaign of instigation against the Strip and the resistance, a campaign orchestrated by Zionist followers who invent lies and repeat them in an effort to demonize the Gaza Strip and the resistance movement there in order to activate the tools and agents of Zionism to pounce on the resistance in order to liquidate the Palestinian issue in favor of the Zionist enemy. We call on all the forces of good in the ummah to be wary of this plot whose motives, sides, and forces moving it have been totally exposed. We call on all the forces of good to raise their voices high to condemn the blockade, the instigation, and the plotting against the Palestinian people and their valiant resistance.

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[Signed] The Islamic Action Front Party, Amman on 12 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1434 Hegira, corresponding to 18 September 2013.

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