

PFLP-GC may re-enter PLO 22 Jan. 04

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The Arafat-Jibril relationship has thawed. After quitting the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) when Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command [PFLP-GC] is seeking to rejoin the organization.



According to Palestinian sources, indications point to a likely rapprochement between the PFLP-GC, led by Ahmed Jibril, and the Fatah Movement, led by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Sources said that communication between the two sides started after the 2002 assassination of Jibril's son, Jihad, when Arafat personally called Jibril to pay his condolences.

Arafat also sent a member of Fatah's central committee, Abbas Zaki, to Damascus to take part in a memorial ceremony for Jihad Jibril, which was considered a meaningful step toward warming relations between the groups.

The most important indicator, according to sources, was the PFLP-GC's participation in the Cairo Dialogue in December, which brought together 13 Palestinian factions to discuss a wide range of topics affecting the Palestinian situation. The PFLP-GC sent a delegation of four prominent members.

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Ahmad Jibril, 23 May 03

Sources added that during the Cairo Dialogue all coldness was removed, and participants agreed to continue the dialogue and meetings. The goal was to bring the PFLP-GC back into the PLO at time when Arafat suffered from blockade and isolation.

Another sign of improved relations was the participation of a PFLP-GC delegation in a festival held in Tyre earlier this month, which was organized by Fatah.

This participation was the first of its kind in a Fatah activity.

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