

**Amman To 'Soon Announce' Dissolution of House**  
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[Randa Habib dispatch from Amman]

[Text] Responding to the request of the PLO, which is eager to stress that it is sole representative of the Palestinian people, Amman will soon announce the dissolution of the Jordanian House of Representatives, which includes 60 representatives, half of whom represent the occupied West Bank. Our radio has learned this from an informed source. The Jordanian parliament, which includes 30 West Bank representatives, is viewed as an interference with the PLO in its representation of the Palestinian people. This step falls within the framework of Jordan's policy to entrench its declared stands that confirm that Amman has no ambitions in any inch of the occupied Arab territories and has no intention of representing the Palestinian people or negotiating on the PLO's behalf.

King Husayn has frequently referred to the emergence of sensitivities between Jordan and the PLO on his country's activity in the occupied territories. This gave the impression that there is competition, not cooperation, between the two sides. Informed sources in Amman believe that Jordan's decision to dissolve the House of Representatives stems from the desire to stress Palestinian identity and the sole-ness of Palestinian representation. It is noteworthy that Jordan dissolved the House of Representatives in 1974 in the wake of the Rabat summit resolution, which considers the PLO the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. In 1978, the National Consultative Council was formed to fill a constitutional vacuum. This council, which lasted until 1984, comprised 60 representatives from all parts of Jordan, and did not include any West Bank representatives.

**Occupied Territories Development Plans Cancelled**  
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[Text] The Council of Ministers held a meeting before noon today. At the conclusion of the meeting, which was presided over by the prime minister, the Cabinet issued the following statement:

The Council of Ministers discussed the measures the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan should take in dealing with the Palestinian problem in its current phase. This was done in light of the resolutions of the Algiers extraordinary summit, which reflected the Arab commitment and intent to support the Arab Palestinian people in their heroic struggle to achieve their national goals under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, their sole and legitimate representative. The Cabinet considered the essential requirements to give greater prominence to Palestinian identity, to enable the PLO to shoulder its responsibility fully, to remove any doubts concerning Jordan's real position in spite of its

clarity, and to put an end to any attempt to suggest that Jordan's motives in supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people under occupation are suspect or conducive to promoting what has been referred to as a sharing of administrative responsibility in the occupied territory and are containing and undercutting the role of the PLO. Moreover, Jordan's motives were subjected to accusations as contradicting the aspirations of the Palestinian people for independence on their national soil.

On the basis of the results of the discussions in the Council of Ministers; in keeping with Jordan's commitment to the Rabat summit resolutions, which emphasized that the PLO is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people; and in keeping with Jordan's commitment to the Fes summit resolutions which called for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; and in adhering to Jordan's firm and declared position regarding the Palestinian people and Jordan's support for the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people to regain their inalienable national rights and to exercise their right of self-determination, including their right to establish their own independent state on their national soil; and in order to give substantial manifestation to the Jordanian concept as outlined by his majesty the king in his speech at the Algiers summit, in which he stressed that Jordan had no designs or ambitions over the Palestinian soil and in which he elucidated the prerequisites for joint Arab action in support of the Palestinian people in their heroic uprising; and on the basis of Jordan's firm belief that the Palestinian people should be the principal concerned party in seeking a solution to their problem and to remove any doubt which might arise regarding Jordan's relationship with the Palestinian people under occupation by virtue of Jordan's strong historical and geographical bonds with the Palestinian people; and in response to the desires and wishes of the PLO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people as expressed by Mr Yasir 'Arafat, the chairman of the PLO at the Algiers summit; motivated by all the above considerations, the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan decides:

1. To terminate the Jordanian development plan for the occupied territories.
2. To dissolve all the development tenders and purchases committees operating within the framework of the aforesaid plan.
3. To continue its contacts with Arab and friendly governments to encourage them to assist the Palestinian people under occupation to enable them to implement their development projects.

In announcing this decision, the Government of Jordan wishes to emphasize that it will spare no effort within its available means to assist the Palestinian people in the occupied territories in support of their glorious uprising. At the same time, the Government is determined to take