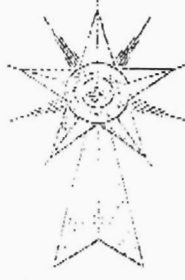


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Dr. Imtiaz Ismail Sooliman  
Waqfu'l-Waqifin Foundation  
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Dear Dr. Sooliman,

Salamu Alikum Warahmatullah,

Allow us to express our sincere brotherly feeling to you and to all our dear brothers at the Waqfu'l Waqifin Foundation. It was indeed such a great pleasure for all of us to meet you, and to have the opportunity to establish relation with you representatives of the heroic people who struggled for many long years, and paid dearly for freedom and dignity.

We are honored.

As you certainly know, our Palestinian people are passing through very difficult circumstances, under the current Israeli aggression and continued occupation, closure, siege, daily detention and murderous campaigns perpetrated by the Israeli occupation forces. We are in desperate need for your solidarity and the support of all the good hearted and peace loving people who cherish freedom and human dignity.

We would like to express on behalf of our Society and the citizens of Bethlehem, the city of peace, our gratitude for your generous support which our people will not forget. Your support has greatly contributed to lifting the suffering of a large number of people facing such inhuman circumstances.

Our relation with you is something dear to us, and we would like to strengthen and promote it. We indeed hope to have the pleasure of meeting you again in our homeland, or in the country of all free people in the world: South Africa.

We also hope that your solidarity, support and assistance will continue to our people until we achieve our freedom and national rights, and establish our independent state of Palestine with Al- Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Love live our friendship,  
With our respect and appreciation.

President

Fouad Bandak

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