

The Role of the Palestinian diplomacy in building the Palestinian political entity 1994-2011

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Abstract

This study examined the role of Palestinian diplomacy in building the Palestinian political entity, during an important and historical period of the Palestinian struggle, this period extends between 1994 – 2011.

The importance of the study is derived from the scientific importance of the topic, which was recently evident in many diplomatic activities that were directed towards the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and the attendant internal preparations for the establishment of state institutions. The importance of the Palestinian diplomacy has emerged during this phase as a strong means to support the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The study relied on a descriptive analytical research method, which means describing the phenomenon and gather facts and information about them, report it as it is, and provide interpretation. The historical approach has also been adopted through the narrative of the facts and analysis of documents related to the Palestinian cause and in particular the evolution of the Palestinian diplomacy.

The study also shows the stages of development of the Palestinian diplomacy, by showing its references, qualifications and tools, mentioning the different levels of success it was able to achieve in the field of building the political entity. The study also addressed the various trends that have emerged in the Palestinian diplomatic activities as a result of the peace process and the establishment of the Palestinian National Authority, in addition to the restrictions sometimes and confusion some others in the Palestinian diplomatic because it combined both revolution and state diplomacy.

The study concluded a set of results which were represented in what has been achieved through the Palestinian diplomacy in building the Palestinian entity, including, the recognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, not only by the Palestinian people as a leading authority but also a regional and international recognition, PLO full membership in the League of Arab States, which strengthened its position globally since 1974, and the achievement of the Palestine Liberation Organization of an observer status at the United Nations as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people to participate in the discussion of the Palestinian issue in the plenary of the General Assembly of the United Nations. And finally, the success of the Palestinian diplomacy in obtaining the status of a non-member state for Palestine in the United Nations.

The Palestinian diplomacy was also able to exercise an active role in the expression of Palestinian rights, through regional and international forums, especially at the United

Nations and its specialized agencies and confronting at the same time the occupation policies and its attempts to impose a fait accompli on the Palestinian land.

The study made a set of recommendations, mainly, the great interest to understand the dynamic of the determinants of international politics, including follow-up and analysis of the impact of changes and transitions at the regional and international levels, and the importance of a continued focus on mobilizing international support for the Palestinian cause, and the awareness of world of the importance of this issue, and to work on various levels both official and popular channels abroad specially by directing the attention to the grass-roots public in democratic countries that are affected by the policy guidance of public opinion, to serve the Palestinian goal of freedom and independence.