



**BOMBED OUT AND NOWHERE TO GO ...** an elderly woman looks forlorn as she stands next to her home in Jouyeh, Lebanon, which was hit by shells fired by the Israelis on Wednesday. Israel halted the shelling in the area between the Litani and Zaharani rivers for a while to allow civilians to leave, only to resume their relentless pounding 2½ hours later. — AFP radiopicture

# Arafat calls on UN council to end Israeli aggression in Lebanon

**By Farush Khan and Rashid Yusof**

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat today urged the United Nations Security Council to convene an emergency meeting to put a stop to Israel's aggression in south Lebanon.

He said the PLO had also sent two messages to the United States administration, calling for its intervention and reminding them of their responsibility to take steps to end the aggression.

The US was responsible, he said, because the Israelis

were using US-made weapons in the reportedly fiercest air, ground and naval onslaught on Lebanon in 11 years.

The President of the State of Palestine said he had been advised by the negotiators in the Middle East peace talks to be patient while the Palestinian-Israeli conflict was being resolved.

"But patience has its limits. We are not a superpower and we do not have huge armaments, but we have our means. If they (Israelis) want peace, we want peace. Otherwise, we can make a new calculation," he said.

Arafat was speaking on the PLO struggle and aspi-

rations to academicians and heads of various agencies organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations in association with the National Institute of Public Administration and Institute of Strategic and International Studies at the Intan auditorium, Bukit Kiara, here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was present during the hour-long lecture, of which he was the patron. Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was the moderator.

Arafat said the Palestinians' *intifada* (uprising) had entered its sixth year and

would go on if no positive action was taken to resolve the conflict.

Describing last May as the "bloodiest month" during which 1,237 casualties were reported among the Palestinians, he called on the big powers not to condone Israel's crime.

On the proposals submitted during the last round of peace talks, he expressed regret that nothing was mentioned about the rights of the Palestinians over Jerusalem.

During the question-and-answer session, a lecturer from University of Malaya, Omar Farouk, said he believed that Arafat was now

at the weakest point of his existence.

Omar asked whether what the PLO had not achieved through the *intifada* could be achieved through the negotiation table.

To this, Arafat said: "My weak point is my strongest point." He went on to say that the US was at the "edge of oil wells" but would not gain anything without stability.

To get stability, he said, the US needed his signature.

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# Don't abandon us, Arafat urges NAM

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their rights sooner or later".

Earlier in the morning, Arafat met 19 heads of mission from Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries at Carcosa Seri Negara here.

They were from Libya, Morocco, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Iran, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Vietnam, Laos, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, India, Myanmar, Sudan, Peru, Iraq, North Korea and Oman.

Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Abdullah Fadzil Che Wan, who was minister-in-attendance, told newsmen after the meeting that Arafat had appealed to NAM countries not to abandon the PLO which faced dwindling financial support after the Gulf War.

Arafat said the PLO needed their countries' financial and political support.

Dr Fadzil said Arafat drew the attention of the NAM representatives to the need to protect the interests of the Palestinians for a better future.

Asked on the reaction of the NAM representatives, he said they were sympathetic to the Palestinian struggle.

During the meeting, Arafat briefed them on the latest situation in south Lebanon. He also expressed regret over US support for Israel which had ignored UN resolution 242/338 on a "land for peace" formula.

Dr Fadzil said Arafat expressed shock over Israeli brutalities given the cur-



**GREETINGS:** Arafat warmly greets Egyptian ambassador Ahmad Nazmi Moustafa Kamal at Carcosa Seri Negara yesterday. Others are (from left) Zimbabwe High Commissioner D.C. Chigiga, Iranian Ambassador Ahmad A. Jallooeian, Moroccan ambassador Abdullah Srairi and Libyan ambassador Ahmaed Ali Hanesh.

rent Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Arafat will contact Indonesian President Suharto, who is NAM chairman, to seek the movement's support in pushing for an end to the brutalities.

Dr Fadzil said Malaysia supported the call for an emergency meeting.

Meanwhile, Abdullah,

speaking to reporters after meeting Fijian Deputy Prime Minister Filipe N. Bole at the Regent Hotel here, said NAM and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) countries would continue to support the Palestinian cause.

"NAM and the OIC countries have always been strong supporters of the Pal-

estinian cause.

Meanwhile, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Azlan Shah, granted an audience to Arafat at Istana Negara here this afternoon. *Bernama* reports that they had a 15-minute discussion before adjourning for lunch.

Also present were Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Dr Fadzil.



**ROYAL WELCOME:** The King and Arafat at Istana Negara. They had a 15-minute discussion before adjourning for lunch. Pictures by Shukor Rahim.