

In Commemoration of the First Anniversary  
of the Death of



**FAISAL ABDUL QADER AL-HUSSEINI**

(17 July 1940 - 31 May 2001)



"It is the obligation of all of us to stand together to achieve peace and defend Jerusalem in the face of the enemy of peace"



"I fear the day when Jerusalem will mourn its children before its children mourn Jerusalem"



"We chose a peaceful route. But there are other alternatives...We must have two capitals in an open and free-access city. Nothing can convince us why the Old City should not be under Palestinian control. It is not logical for the Israelis to say they want control of the Old City."

**FAISAL HUSSEINI**

- Born on 17 July 1940 in Baghdad, Iraq, to a Muslim Palestinian notable family; son of Palestinian guerilla leader Abdel Qader Husseini, grandson of Musa Qassem Pasha Al-Husseini, former mayor of Jerusalem, and nephew of Hajj Amin Husseini, then Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.
- Studied in Cairo, Baghdad, Damascus; joined the Arab Nationalist Movement (ANM) in 1957 and became a founding member of the General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS) in 1959.
- Returned to Jerusalem and worked for the PLO after its initial establishment as deputy manager of the Public Organization Dept. (1964-65).
- Graduated from Damascus Military College in 1967 and joined the Palestinian Liberation Army in the same year.
- Worked as x-ray technician in Jerusalem from 1969-1977
- Studied history in Beirut, returned to Jerusalem and founded the Arab Studies Society in 1979, whose chairman he remained until his death.
- From 1982-87, placed repeatedly under house and city arrest by Israel as well as "administrative detention" (last in October 1990 in the wake of the Al-Aqsa Mosque massacre)
- Member of the Higher Islamic Council, Jerusalem, since 1982.
- Palestinian spokesperson and highly respected (Fateh) leader during the first Intifada.
- Led the preparatory talks for the Madrid conference in 1990; became member of the Palestinian steering committee to the peace talks from 1991, and then head of the Palestinian delegation from April 1993.
- Headed the Fateh High Command in the West Bank from 1994 and became PLO Exec. Committee member since April 1996.
- Member of the final status negotiating team and PA Minister without Portfolio, in charge of the Jerusalem file since the mid-1990.
- Head of the Orient House, the first national address in Jerusalem.
- Died suddenly of a heart attack on 31 May 2001, whilst acting as 1st PLO leader to visit Kuwait after the 1991 Gulf War; buried next to his father at Al-Aqsa Mosque on 1 June 2001. Struggled all his life for justice and independence in Palestine, based on UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and international law, and pursued tirelessly his dream to see Jerusalem as the capital of a free Palestine.



"Leadership without a building is better than leadership without people"

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