



Government of Sierra Leone

26th November, 2018

His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Abbas;
President of the State of Palestine

Excellency,

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Sierra Leone to reaffirm our support for the noble cause of the Government and people of the State of Palestine on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Sierra Leone continues to follow, with deep concern, events as they unfold in the State of Palestine, as well as the struggle of the people of Palestine as they yearn for the attainment of their fundamental inalienable rights and sovereignty as enshrined in the charter of the United Nations. We therefore share the burden of your frustration in this long-protracted struggle.

On this special day, I recall the glorious memories of your great predecessor, the Late Yasser Arafat and wish to express sincere condolences for all those that have lost their lives in this struggle for the common good. My heart also goes out to all Palestinian people around the world while commending the heroic courage they demonstrate in the pursuit of their fundamental rights and national sovereignty. Your determined efforts to defend the rights and dignity of your people and the territorial integrity of your nation are in the true spirit of patriotism.

Let me reiterate our continued support for a just and peaceful negotiated political settlement to this conflict along the pathway to the two-state solution based on the pre-1967 borders, as the best option for sustainable peace and security of your peoples and the region. May God's grace be with you all, and those who pledge to walk with you on your journey to freedom.

The right to self-determination, enshrined in the United Nations Charter, is essential for the promotion and protection of all human rights for all peoples without exception. To this end, Sierra Leone will continue to support your genuine cause for a lasting solution.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes and the assurances of my highest consideration.

Nimatulal Bah-Chang
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