## A Passionate for everything Palestine

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From Jerusalem we deliver a message of loyalty, respect and appreciation to Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh who we consider a personality of our Arab nation.

There is a verse in the Holy Bible that says:" For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." This verse clearly specifies that the greatness of man is in his modesty. The more a man is modest, the greater he is in front of God and people.

Our dear friend Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh is great in his modesty, humanity, ethics, principles and values that he has advocated and continues to advocate.

I proudly describe Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh from the heart of the city of Jerusalem where I am based, that he is a passionate for everything Palestine. We are proud of Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh who is always proud of his origin and roots and never forgets that the Palestinian issue is our issue wherever we are. It is our duty to defend this case.

I met him several times and I found in his words the wisdom, consciousness and commitment to humanity first and to Arabs second.

An educated man means exactly what the word educated means. There are many people with degrees, but when we talk to them, we discover they are far away from culture and thought.

Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh carries a humanitarian, intellectual and cultural message which shows in his remarkable successes and is the result of being an owner of a moral thought and noble human spirit.

The symbol placed on the entrance of his office that reads 'God is love' embodies the values our dear friend Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh was raised by.

He defended Palestine in all places he existed in and he used to travel from one capital to another and from one country to another not only to promote his successful programs and projects, but also to preach about the justice of the Palestinian issue.

I would like to say to Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh from the heart of Palestine which he loves, that Palestine loves you and is proud of you and with all your

gifts to humanity and to the Arab world and to Jordan, which you love and belong to as you love Palestine and belong to it.

You have received many awards and decorations and those who visit your office can witness the walls full of pictures with world leaders and also full with medals and shields honoring you.

We believe that honoring you is not only a tribute to your honorable person, but a tribute to Jordan, a tribute to Palestine and a tribute to the noble human and ethical and attitudes that you have carried in your heart for decades.

With the Christian presence in this Arab Mashreq, you have always been keen to show its originality everywhere you go. You have always said that Christianity was born here and Christ was born in our country, and that Arab Christians are genuine in their belonging to the Arab nation, with the Arab Mashreq and its national issues headed by the issue of Palestine.

We need your words during this difficult time and we need more your united stand in these tragic circumstances that are afflicting our Arab Mashreq, where the enemies of the Arab nation are seeking to separate us and provoke hatred among us. They have created tools for us to serve them and they are the other side of Zionism, with the aim of taking our societies apart and turning us into rival sects and tribes instead of becoming one nation and one family.

How much we need you and those who are similar to you who call for tolerance, unity, and union between man and his fellow man? And how much do we need those intellectuals, thinkers and innovators who are working to unify the ranks and thwart all conspiracies and plots that surround us and target our national issues, foremost of which is a just cause known to modern human history, namely the issue of Palestine.

Arabs, in all their sects, appreciate your positions and the Christians in Palestine and in the Arab Mashreq are proud of you as a personality of our Arab nation and our Jordan and Palestine, which is always dear to your heart. We always consider you as a personality full of unity and tolerance and love between man and his fellow man.

We pray for your health. You are one of the wise, intellectual and educated people in our nation, who we are proud of and their achievements, their giving and their success.

I am proud of being one of your friends and proud of meeting you always, and in each meeting I become prouder of you and our brotherly friendship.

From Jerusalem, the capital of Palestine, we bless you with the message of loyalty and pride. We are with you and we will remain in every good work and in every meaningful activity to serve our society and our nation and our just national causes, foremost of which is the issue of Palestine.