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Cairo, March 30 (RHC)-- The Gaza Strip-based Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has accepted a proposal to establish a national unity government composed of independent national figures.

Khalil al-Hayya, head of the movement, made the remarks on Sunday, saying the proposal had been forwarded by Qatari and Egyptian mediators concerning formation of the government, set to be named the Community Support Committee.

"We dealt with [this proposal] positively and agreed to it. We hope that the [Israeli] occupation will not obstruct it or thwart the mediators' efforts," he added.

The official said the group's approval of the proposal had to do with its efforts to engage in joint endeavor among "the components of our Palestinian people" to realize Palestinians' right to establishing a sovereign state with the holy occupied city of al-Quds as its capital.

Hamas' affirmative response was also aimed at fulfillment of Palestinians' right to return to their homeland, he noted.

According to al-Hayya, neither Hamas nor any other regional resistance movements, meanwhile, had any intention of giving up their armed struggle against the Israeli regime.

"As for the weapons of resistance, it is a red line and it is linked to the existence of the occupation," the official said, indicating that the resistance would continue to bear and deploy arms as long as the regime stuck to its false claims over regional territories.

The resistance's insistence on retaining its weapons, he added, was also linked to its legitimate efforts at realizing establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

"And we say frankly to those who bet that Hamas and the resistance factions might abandon their responsibilities and hand over our people and families to an unknown fate controlled by the occupation according to its desires. We tell them you are delusional."

Al-Hayya said Hamas had presented Egypt with names of a number of officials towards formation of the aforementioned government. He urged Cairo to advance its efforts at implementation of the prospect "with Arab and Islamic backing."

The announcement followed a series of meetings in Cairo aimed at achieving national unity among various Palestinian factions. Elsewhere in his remarks, the Hamas' leader strongly denounced the Israeli regime for evading all agreements towards prolonging its deadly aggression towards Palestinians.

The comments came amid Tel Aviv's October 2023-present genocidal war on the Gaza Strip and escalated deadly aggression and devastation across the occupied West Bank.

The regime agreed to start implementing a ceasefire deal with Hamas in January. It, however, would regularly violate the accord before resuming the war with enhanced deadly force earlier in March.

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