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From the Leadership of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine:

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine denies any connection with the airplane highjacking operation inside the United States that attacked the World Trade Center in New York and the one that attacked Washington, DC.

We in the Democratic Front always believe that our battlefield is in the occupied land of Palestine against the occupation forces and the armed settlers, who are occupying our lands and our homes, and who have carried out Sharon's bloody war against our villages, cities and refugee camps in the occupied land of Palestine. The Democratic Front rejects any kind of operation outside of the land of occupied Palestine, away from the immediate battlefield confronting the occupation forces and the armed settlers.

We are clear that the ones who are trying to frame us are, as always, the Israeli security intelligence agencies, who orchestrated the set-up to criminalize our struggle because of our fidelity to this struggle and our sophisticated way of organizing under the leadership of the working class and the progressive people of Palestine. Leila Aouda, a reporter for Abu Dhabi satellite television in Ramallah in the Palestinian West Bank, stated what she was told by the Israeli security intelligence agencies. This was done with the objective of defaming and slandering the Intifada and the Palestinian National Resistance, and to stir up greater hatred and enmity from the United States administration against the Palestinian people and the Arab peoples instead of securing the right of the people of Palestine by sending International forces to protect us from the Zionist Israeli occupation and the armed settlers.

But this will not stop our struggle until the withdrawal of the Zionist Israeli occupation forces, including the usurping settlers, and for the creation of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State with Arab Jerusalem as its capital and the right of return for the Palestinian refugees to their homes and lands in the historical land of Palestine.

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