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CFPN CONDEMNS EXTREMIST RHETORIC AT PALESTINIAN RALLY

TORONTO—[Thursday, August 8, 2013] – Canadian Friends of Peace Now (CFPN) condemns the extremist rhetoric of Elias Hazineh, former president of Palestine House, at a recent Al-Quds Day rally.

On Saturday, before 400 cheering supporters, Mr. Hazineh called for “an ultimatum” to Israelis: “You have to leave Jerusalem. You have to leave Palestine... We’ve been negotiating for 65 years. We say get out, or you’re dead! We give them two minutes and then we start shooting. And that’s the only way that they will understand.”

The rally was part of a global Al-Quds Day started by the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini to promote the “liberation” of Al-Quds, the Arabic name for Jerusalem.

Youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WB57xrpe-yQ>

Such inflammatory outbursts are deplorable at any time, but especially now, when Israel and the Palestinian Authority have, with much tentativeness, resumed peace negotiations that were moribund since 2008.

The remarks are also disappointing coming from Mr. Hazineh, who, at the Ami Ayalon/Sari Nusseibeh dialogue co-sponsored by CFPN a few years ago in Toronto, sounded a hopeful note of moderation on behalf of the Canadian Palestinian community.

It was shameful that members of the Neturei Karta, a small extremist sect of anti-Zionist Orthodox Jews, had a place of prominence at the rally and held signs proclaiming “Judaism rejects Zionism.”

CFPN calls on Canadian Arab organizations to condemn the hateful language at the rally. It’s to be hoped that, in the coming weeks, the Israeli and Palestinian negotiators display a restraint that was sadly lacking on Saturday.

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