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For the time being since its inception in 1964, PLO had been looking for the restoration of Palestinian people's right of national self-determination and a return of discrete Palestinian refugees to their homeland by means of a moderate political movement. However, the politicians of the neighboring Arab countries gave them only lip service without specified support. Six Day War in 1967 broke the self-confidence of the Arab politicians perfectly. The dream of recapture of PLO's homeland went far away. In addition, more than a million of new Palestinian refugees have flowed into Jordan. The Palestinians were disappointed in their Arab brothers, and the PLO transformed into a radical guerrilla combatant.

Fatah, formerly the Palestinian National Liberation Movement, became the leader of PLO. Fatah formed an anti-Israeli guerrilla organization and got good results as repelling the Israeli army in the border area between Israel and Jordan. In February 1969, Yasser Arafat of Fatah was appointed to the chairman of PLO. President Nasser of Egypt gave him a title of the leader of the Palestinians, which made the PLO a de facto Palestinian government in exile.

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