

Minister Mahwan Dudin, presenting a paper on Jordan and the Palestine question, told the conference that the geographical proximity and the common history, in addition to kinship ties, "Arab nationalism and a common destiny have woven an organic, distinctive relationship between Jordan and Palestine throughout history until the present day."

Dudin told representatives of the nearly one million Jordanian expatriates all over the world that the fourth expatriates conference convened as the Palestinian uprising enters its eighth month in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

"Jordan has played and will continue to play an effective role on all political and material levels in support of citizens under occupation, to help them continue their blessed revolt against the Israeli occupation and its oppressive tools."

Expatriates attending the conference took part in discussions following the papers presented by Masri and Dudin. Representatives of expatriates from different parts of the world made several comments and recommendations at the meeting.

Dr. Samih Shalabi, a member of the educational committee of Jordanian expatriates in Saudi Arabia, said that expatriates conferences held over the last three years have supported existing links between expatriates and their homeland.

Shalabi expressed hope that economic projects that resulted

delegation that included Jawad Anani who spoke about the society's development and its objectives and future plans.

Gandhi also listened to a briefing on a proposed technological group and an economic consortium aimed at putting basic technological concepts into practice in cooperation with the private sector in Jordan and other countries.

of their trip accompanied by Prince Ra'd and Tourism Minister Zuhair Ajlouni.

The Gandhis were briefed on the history of Petra, and its development through the ages. They also visited excavations in the city following the discovery by a joint Jordanian-American archaeological team of a temple dating back to the 4th century

which were in Amman. The Queen and Mrs. Gandhi also watched a performance presented by an Italian opera group and reviewed final preparations for the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts which opens today under royal patronage.

The Indian guests leave Jordan early Wednesday for Yugoslavia, the next stop

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there was no consensus among non-aligned members on their response to the attack, which the United States has called an accident.

Iran is not a council member and would have to rely on its friends in the 15-nation body to present a resolution

the Iranian case. The fact he has had few opportunities to see delegates since arriving here Monday was a reason given for delaying the start of debate.

Other factors, according to some officials, were the opening of discussion on the tragedy in the International Civil Aviation Organisation, due to begin in Montreal Wednesday.

Mahallati and members of the council.

The United States, Britain and France are expected to use their veto power as permanent council members to stop any censure resolution.

Earlier Monday, the U.S. government announced an offer of voluntary compensation to fami-

ria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

Jordan withstood pressure for talks with Israel — Masri

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AMMAN — Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri said Tuesday that Jordan resisted American and Israeli pressures to hold direct Arab-Israeli negotiations and insisted on its call for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Masri told the fourth Jordanian expatriates conference here that support for Jordan's position was growing larger and larger every day.

frontation of the Israeli and American positions calling for direct negotiations," Masri told the conference.

of truth becomes heard."

He said that over the years, Jordan has exerted relentless and tireless efforts to convince friendly nations and all influential countries that peace cannot be just or permanent except within the context of international law that guarantees it.

The foreign minister said the Kingdom received a positive response and cooperation from Arab states during the emergency Arab summit conference meeting in Amman.

Arab states "announced with one, collective voice that a just, comprehensive and peaceful solu-