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SOURCE Palestinian Arab refugee living in Lebanon who has good contacts in the Arab Higher Executive.

- The Arab Higher Executive in Beirut has received word that the former Grand Mufti, Hajj Amin al-Husayni, is prolonging his stay in Karachi (where he went to attend the Pan-Islamic Congress) because some of his followers are engaged in raising funds for him in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Indonesia. The Mufti wishes to receive this money before leaving Karachi.
- The Mufti has indicated in a letter to Kamal Haddad of the Arab Higher Executive in Lebanon that he hoped, with British help, to return to Palestine, after he has come back to the Middle East. According to source, it is a current rumor among Palestinian refugees that the Mufti will settle in Palestine again, with the permission of King 'Abdullah of Jordan.

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