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**Statement from the American Federation of Ramallah Palestine on the
Passing of Palestinian Artist Sliman Mansour**

The American Federation of Ramallah Palestine mourns the passing of Sliman Mansour, one of the most influential Palestinian artists of our time and a guardian of our collective memory. His work — rooted in the land, its people, and the daily realities of life under occupation — gave visual form to the Palestinian struggle and preserved the dignity of our story for the world to witness.

Through his iconic depictions of steadfastness, labor and longing, Mansour transformed art into resistance. He painted the weight carried by our people yet always illuminated their resilience. His images of farmers, mothers, olive trees, and the enduring landscape of Palestine became symbols of identity and hope, reminding generations that our connection to the land is unbreakable.

Sliman Mansour's legacy is not only artistic, it's national. He documented the lived experience of Palestinians with honesty and compassion, ensuring that our narrative could never be erased. His work strengthened cultural unity, inspired young artists and affirmed that creativity is a powerful form of defiance.

The AFRP extends its deepest condolences to his family, loved ones, and to all Palestinians who saw their truth reflected in his art.

We honor his life and his unwavering commitment to portraying the humanity of our people.

May his memory be eternal, and may his art continue to speak for Palestine.

About the AFRP

Founded in 1959, the American Federation of Ramallah Palestine (AFRP) is the oldest and largest Palestinian American organization in the U.S. Headquartered in Westland, Michigan, the AFRP proudly represents approximately 50,000 Palestinian Americans across the country. For more than six decades, we have worked to protect the interests of our members while perpetuating the rich heritage, traditions and culture of Palestine. Through advocacy, community engagement and cultural preservation, the AFRP continues to serve as a unifying voice and a steadfast steward of Palestinian American identity and legacy.