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International Al-Quds Day, a day to show the unity of the Islamic World in defense of Palestine

According to Palestinian human rights groups, the Zionist regime has issued 50,000 arrest warrants for Palestinians since 1967, including women and children. According to the Palestinian Commission for War Prisoners Affairs, the Zionist regime treats Palestinian prisoners even more severely during Ramadan.

The Israeli human rights organization BTselem also reported that Israel demolished 295 Palestinian homes in 2021 under the pretext of illegal construction. According to the report, this is the bloodiest year in Palestine since 2014.

Since the beginning of this year (2022), 39 Palestinians have been martyred by the occupying forces of the Israeli regime. Eleven of them were martyred in April, days after Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett called on his troops to shoot at Palestinians without rules or restrictions.

History is full of examples of Zionist occupation violence against the oppressed people of Palestine, and for many years Palestine has been the concern of the Islamic world. On the 13th of Ramadan 1399 AH, with the renewal of the attacks of the apartheid regime and the Zionist occupier in southern Lebanon, Imam Khomeini (RA), the founder of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, issued a message in

support of the Palestinian nation and named the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan to International Quds Day.

It is true that Al-Quds Day is specifically dedicated to Palestine and the complete freedom of the first qibla of Muslims; but in fact, this day is the day of awakening of the Muslims and the unity of the Ummah of the Last Prophet (PBUH). Imam Khomeini (RA) in his message said: "During these long years, I warned the Muslims of the danger of usurper Israel." "I call on all Muslims around the world and Islamic governments to unite to cut off the hands of this usurper and his supporters," he continued.

Since that year, Ramadan fasters around the world have spontaneously written articles, played music, marched in support of the oppressed people of Palestine, and sought to express their support for the Palestinian Muslim brothers and sisters in various ways.

At least three main factors have made Palestine one of the most important issues in the Islamic world: first, the nature of the land of Palestine, its sanctity and its place among the followers of Islam; Second, the nature of the Zionist enemy and its religious and historical claims and its expansionist and occupier spirit (attempt to take ownership of the land of Palestine and Islamic holy sites); Third, the nature of the Western-Zionist alliance, which seeks to divide and weaken the Islamic Ummah so that Islamic countries remain dependent on the great powers.

In recent years, the apartheid and occupying Zionist regime has intensified its insane actions against the Palestinians. These include "mass punishment", which is the most important factor in the Palestinians' violation of the "principle of self-determination", the siege of Gaza, the completion of the barrier, the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homeland, In return, the deployment of Israelis to fertile areas, the assassination of Palestinian

commanders and Mujahideen of other Arab and Islamic countries, the destruction of agricultural land in the Gaza Strip, the implementation of the plan to Judaize Quds with the continuation of settlements, the destruction of Palestinian homes, increasing presence and military-security surveillance of East Quds, banning the movement of Palestinian citizens residing in Quds and revoking their ID cards and revoking the permanent residence permits of Palestinians residing in Quds in violation of international law and agreements under Article 43 of the Hague Convention and the Fourth Geneva Convention, the ratification of the law "State-Nation of the Jewish people" in the Knesset of the Zionist regime in 2018; Promoting settlement as a "national value" in Israel; Separation of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza; And the Judaization of Quds, the Golan Heights and the Negev, the trial of the Palestinians in military courts, and so on.

The Zionist regime commits every day "gross, continuous and systematic violations of human rights," including the rights of the children. The Israeli apartheid regime has arbitrarily and unjustifiably made hundreds of thousands of temporary and long-term detentions. Since 1967, more than one million Palestinians have experienced the bitter issue of detention.

The forces of the occupying Zionist regime in 2021 have martyred a total of 357 Palestinians. Of these, about 19 percent of Palestinian martyrs are women. This is the highest number of Palestinian female martyrs in the history of crimes and acts of violence by the Zionist regime since the occupation of Palestinian land in 1948. 22% of the martyrs or 79 people are Palestinian children. During this period, the Zionist regime has martyred 357 Palestinians, including 100 in the West Bank and 257 Palestinians in Gaza.

According to the UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA), the most important illegal actions of the Zionist regime during 2021 are: the expansion of illegal settlements, the use of violence by settlers, the destruction and confiscation of Palestinian property and homes, and imposing

restrictions of Movement, forced displacement, discrimination and violation of the principles of equality, The widespread use of violence and coercion, arbitrary detention, and the mistreatment and deprivation of Palestinians and Arabs living in the occupied Golan of access to the natural resources of their territories. As of March 31, 2021, 4,450 Palestinians are being held as security prisoners in Israeli prisons, of these 140 are children and 37 are women.

A report published by Amnesty International in 2022 entitled "*Israel's Apartheid against Palestinians: Cruel System of Domination and Crime against Humanity*" states: Occupation of Palestinian lands and property, acts of illegal murder, forced restrictions of movements, deprivation of Palestinians of citizenship rights are all parts of a system that addresses racial discrimination. Israel maintains this system with violations that are considered crimes against humanity and racial discrimination.

Nearly 4,500 prisoners, including 41 women and 140 children, are still being held captive by the Zionist regime, and 550 of them are suffering from various diseases and need extensive medical care and follow-up. At least 10 prisoners with cancer and tumors of various degrees are being held in Israeli jails.

During the years of occupation of Palestine, the Israeli regime has desecrated religious and Islamic sanctities. Al-Aqsa Mosque, as a clear example of such aggression, has been the constant target of daily attacks, provocations and attacks by the Israeli regime to accelerate the implementation of Israel's illegal plan to divide the time and place of this holy shrine. The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip is dire. The siege has destroyed the economy of Gaza; it has caused widespread destruction and separated most people from the outside world. The continuation of the brutal siege of Gaza is the collective punishment of innocent people. This is a crime against humanity and a serious threat to international peace and security. This is an aggressive and barbaric act that violates all international laws and norms.

A 2021 report by Human Rights Watch entitled "*A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution*" states that the Israeli regime's apartheid policy is based on the regime's macro policy of continuing Jewish domination to the Palestinians and severe human rights violations against Palestinians living in the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem.

The international community's inability to force the Zionist apartheid regime to abide by international law doubles the heavy responsibility of the UN human rights mechanisms to take immediate, decisive and effective action to end the crimes against the Palestinians.

Countries should set up a UN commission of inquiry to investigate systematic repression and discrimination in the occupied Palestinian Territories, and appoint a global UN representative to mobilize international action for ending persecution and apartheid in the occupied Territories.

The support of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the oppressed people of Palestine is not a short-term and tactical policy, and not only rooted in religious beliefs, Rather, it is the most important human and humanitarian duty, the foundation of which goes back to the nature of every free man of every religion and race.

The "Provisional Zionist regime" is trying to remove the Palestinian cause from the minds of the Muslims of the world by confronting Iran with the Arab world and the Islamic world and introducing the Islamic Republic of Iran as a "common threat."

The Islamic Republic of Iran has presented a democratic and just plan for resolving the Palestinian crisis, entitled "Holding a National Referendum in Palestine," which has also been registered with the UN Secretariat. According to the Islamic Republic of Iran, the return of Palestinian refugees to their homeland and holding a referendum among the noble people of this land to determine the fate and type of political system is the most effective way to resolve this conflict.



The plan of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been formulated and presented based on the principles of democracy and international law accepted by all governments and nations. This plan will be a good alternative to the previous failed plans.