

Press Release

THE BARBARIC OCCUPATION FOLLOWS UP THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER'S HOLLOW GESTURES WITH EVEN MORE DERANGED MASSACRES IN RAFAH

The Jewish Occupation continues to exceed its previous atrocities, perpetrating slaughter and massacres against the most vulnerable. This time, they drop targeted bombs on displaced women and children in the Rafah Tent camps. In horrific scenes, dismembered infant corpses and other innocent victims are seen being carried by fellow displaced civilians, with nowhere to take them. Hospitals and all other infrastructure continue to be shelled and destroyed. Deprivation of water, food, medicine, and power is used to satisfy the Zionists' desire for blood and suffering. Weapons of mass destruction are piled upon defenseless women and children who were told to relocate, only to be targeted in the exact area deemed safe by the Jewish Zionists and their international colonial caretakers. All this follows a myriad of empty gestures and resolutions by the so-called "international community," serving as nothing more than toothless posturing aimed at saving face from the embarrassment of their psychopathic child openly perpetrating its barbarity, and whose caretakers can only offer mild words of discipline.

Does any Muslim still hold hope in these institutions that have constructed the crises engulfing our lands, most prominently, though certainly not the only, in Palestine? Does any Muslim hold hope for any solution from the colonialists who invaded our lands, drew false borders between us, designed and handed us new flags of new identities to keep us weak and distracted with frivolities, and then forced upon us despotic rulers loyal to their colonial masters to maintain their hegemonic military, cultural, economic, and political control over the Ummah?

Allah (swt) says: ﴿وَلَا يَزَالُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ حَتَّىٰ يَرُدُّوكُمْ عَن دِينِكُمْ إِنِ اسْتَطَاعُوا﴾ **"And they will not stop fighting you until they turn you back from your religion if they are able."** [Quran 2:217].

The colonialists aim to distract the Ummah with false promises, with the "two-state solution" being the most prominent. In their attempt to present themselves as peacemakers, the colonising West, of which Australia is a part, offers a solution in line with their imperialist objectives after having created the problem. Their greatest victory would be to have the Ummah accept the existence of the Jewish State. In doing so, we would relinquish a vital Islamic ruling by perpetually handing over Islamic land to an invader. They would have succeeded in having the Ummah accept man-made systems to have authority over the land in the place of Allah's (swt) Deen. They would have cemented division within the Ummah in the form of pathetic nation-states. They would have established themselves as guardians of the world despite their obvious corruption. They would have allowed the criminal invader to be rewarded with a "state" upon land that had belonged to Muslims and those who entrusted the Muslims with looking after their affairs. They would have succeeded in maintaining their "forward base" and Western outpost in the heart of Muslim Land, and they would have succeeded in delaying, for a further time, the Ummah taking its rightful position as just witnesses over humanity.

Allah (swt) says: ﴿وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ﴾ **"When they are told, 'Do not spread corruption in the land,' they reply, 'We are only peace-makers!'"** [Quran 2:11]. And, ﴿وَكَذَٰلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا﴾ **"And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you."** [Quran 2:143].

All other timid gestures offered by the likes of the ICC, ICJ, and the wider UN are in the same vein: merely the original criminal masquerading as peacemakers after their initial enabling of the genocide. Nay, the most powerful in these institutions are those fueling the Zionist entity's Holocaust against the people of Palestine.

The Muslims must turn inwardly for solutions, no matter how difficult the task ahead. By turning to Allah (swt), we make a commitment to only call for that which pleases Him (swt). The occupation of Palestine is an Islamic issue requiring an Islamic solution. It is an evil that the Ummah must seek to change in line with the famous hadith: «مَنْ رَأَى مِنْكُمْ مُنْكَرًا فَلْيُغَيِّرْهُ بِيَدِهِ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِلِسَانِهِ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِقَلْبِهِ وَذَلِكَ أَضْعَفُ الْإِيمَانِ» **“Whoever among you sees evil, let him change it with his hand. If he cannot do so, then with his tongue. If he cannot do so, then with his heart, which is the weakest level of faith.”** (Sahih Muslim) And Allah (swt) says: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّى يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ» **“Verily Allah does not change a situation of a people until they change what it is in themselves.”** [Quran 13:11].

Therefore, the change must emanate from the Ummah herself, seeking guidance from the Islamic Texts.

The Prophet (saw) said: «إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتِلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيَتَّقَى بِهِ» **“The Imam is a shield, behind which the Ummah fights and finds protection.”**

In this hadith, the Prophet (saw) connects our physical defense with the establishment of the Imamate (or Khilafah). The current treacherous rulers forced upon us are but a shadow of the colonialists. Their loyalty has been proven time after time to be firmly planted in the colonialists' court. They have usurped the Ummah's will by taking under their command the powerful elements of the Ummah, particularly the professional armies with all their resources. Everyone has a responsibility to do what is in their Islamic capability to stop the massacre and occupation. The armies, however, have a greater and more direct responsibility in responding to the military aggression with a military defence of the defenceless. If they do not move, the Ummah has a responsibility to remind her sons in the armies of their responsibility. This must be a common call at every rally, at every dinner table, in every article talking about solutions, in every Mosque, in every circle, and in every dua.

The call from the Ummah to her professional military resources, that she should rightfully own, would mean discarding the thrones of the rulers and appointing a righteous leader who serves Allah (swt), His Prophet (saw) and the Ummah of Muhammad (saw). It would mean having an Imam behind whom the Ummah fights and protects itself.

It is time that this be the call of the hour at a vital time in the Ummah's existence. The call needs to be carried and amplified by all, as it is not a call belonging to a particular individual or group but is an obligation that all classical Ulama' (Scholars) have agreed upon. It is a call that is not only desperately needed by the Ummah but needed by humanity. The Islamic civilisation will bring back sanity to a world that has gone mad under Secular Liberal Capitalism. The people of Gaza have paved the way; the Ummah needs to channel its call to that which pleases Allah (swt).

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ﴾

“O believers! Respond to Allah and His Messenger when He calls you to that which gives you life.” [Quran 8:24]

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