

Press Release

**Eight Countries, One of Which Alone is Sufficient to Liberate Al-Aqsa Mosque,
Content Themselves with Condemnation and Denunciation!**

(Translated)

The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the UAE, Qatar, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt, and Turkey condemned, on Wednesday, the continued closure by the occupation authorities of the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque to Muslims, especially during the blessed month of Ramadan. They affirmed their absolute rejection and condemnation of these illegal and unjustified measures, and demanded that the Jewish entity immediately stop closing the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque, not obstruct access of worshippers to it, lift the restrictions imposed on access to the Old City in the Quds, and refrain from hindering Muslims from reaching the mosque. They also called on the international community to take a firm stand that obliges the Jewish entity to stop its ongoing violations and illegal practices against Islamic and Christian sanctities in Jerusalem, and its violations of the sanctity of these holy places.

The feebleness of the positions of the rulers of the Muslims has become self-evident and requires no proof. Here are the representatives of eight countries, one of which alone is sufficient to put an end to the arrogance of the Jews and their continuous aggression against Al-Aqsa Mosque—indeed to liberate all of Palestine, yet they content themselves, as usual, with phrases of condemnation, denunciation, and disapproval, like a stranger who has no connection to the blessed land of Palestine, and bears no responsibility towards it or towards the defenseless who have no power nor might.

A state such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Pakistan, Indonesia, or Turkey is sufficient on its own to liberate the entire blessed land of Palestine within a single hour of a day if it wished, as it possesses soldiers and weapons with which it could uproot the Jewish entity from its roots, and it has peoples eager to mobilize in the path of Allah. How then when this mobilization is for jihad for the sake of their first Qiblah, the third of the Two Holy Sanctuaries, and the place of the Night Journey of their beloved (saw)?! Yet they suffice with condemnation, denunciation, and appealing to the international system to put an end to the violations of the Jews!

Indeed, Al-Aqsa Mosque and the land which Allah blessed around it are an essential part of the Ummah's constants and obligations, since Allah mentioned it in His Noble Book: **سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَىٰ بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ** **“Glorified is He who took His servant by night from Al-Masjid al-Haram to Al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing.”** [Al-Isra :1]. And the beloved Prophet (saw) mentioned it in his saying: **«لَا تُشَدُّ الرِّحَالُ إِلَّا إِلَى ثَلَاثَةِ مَسَاجِدَ: الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ، وَمَسْجِدِي هَذَا، وَالْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى»** **“Do not undertake a journey except to three mosques: Al-Masjid al-Haram, this mosque of mine, and Al-Aqsa Mosque.”** And Palestine has become an Islamic land since it was conquered by Umar ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him), thus it became a trust upon the necks of the entire Ummah until the Day of Judgment. This is what obliges its armies to undertake their duty towards it, namely its liberation, and to stop continuing to watch their rulers as they squander it and conspire against it.

Keeping the issue of Palestine hostage to the will of these rulers and their systems means the continuation of its occupation, and more desecration, arrogance, and aggression by the Jews, which has clearly become limitless. You now see that they have begun speaking about the land of “Greater Israel” from the Nile to the Euphrates.

It is upon the armies of the Ummah to hasten to restore the authority of the Ummah from the rulers who have subjugated it and prevented it from safeguarding its sanctities and establishing its Deen, and to give bay'ah to a Khalifah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) who will lead it to liberate Palestine and all the occupied lands of the Muslims, and cut off the roots of the colonizers.

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