

In the name of Allah, the Almighty, most merciful, the magnificent

Statement on brutal, vile Israeli attacks on Al Quds and Palestinians

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Global

From Kashmir to Palestine, Occupation is a crime!

“The only way we’ll get freedom for ourselves is to identify ourselves with every oppressed people in the world.” -- Malcolm X

No words can bring any relief to wounds inflicted on Palestinians by apartheid Israeli occupation regime in occupied lands of Palestine in its latest brutal and vile attacks on Al Quds Al Sharif and the innocent civilians.

Kashmiris express their strong solidarity and decry the unprecedented humiliation of Muslims and violation and desecration of our holy places by the Israeli regime.

No one else than Kashmiris can know it better how it feels living under such ugly occupation of apartheid boots. India and Israel are sinners in arms which use same policies in subjugating and oppressing the voices which seek complete end to their occupation. The images and videos coming out from occupied East Jerusalem and Gaza reflect the same pain and agony in Indian-occupied Kashmir.

The Indian military regime in the UN-recognized disputed territory uses same tactics to suppress the voices that seek right to-self-determination. But little do they know Kashmiris are paying through their lives like 77-year-old Shaheed Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai did by not succumbing to pressure tactics before the occupational regime.

Jamia Masjid Srinagar – the epitome of Kashmir’s political legacy – bears witness how Indian military regime regularly violated its sanctity. The access to Jamia masjid in capital has been blocked for months.

Resistance by Palestinians against the apartheid Israel is an inspiration for Kashmiris. We stand by each other against the occupational forces.

The brutal campaign of attacks by Israeli apartheid got a boost by silence of international community including the so-called torch bearers of human rights. Kashmiris deplore such double standards. We are victims of same dishonesty and despicable standards of the global north which sees human rights through the prism of their economic, political and foreign policy interests.

Islamophobia is an added factor that has made Muslim bodies victims of this vile thinking.

It was further amplified by manipulations by western media which tried to strike a balance between occupational tactics – illegal by all international measures – and resistance by unarmed Palestinians.

Silence and inaction by the Muslims majority countries, barring a few, is despicable.

Voices raised by likes of Turkey, Pakistan and Iran need to be supported and amplified and the role of Organization of Islamic Cooperation needs be brought to fore and made actionable.

The inaction by the 57 Muslim-majority countries exposes fault lines in the global Muslim community for which the leadership needs to take a step back, sit and think among themselves. Kashmiris offer their good services to the OIC to lead from the front in this case.

Kashmiris offer their utmost solidarity with the Palestinians in this hour when they are making ultimate sacrifices – safeguarding third holiest site of Muslims i.e. Al Quds Al Sharif and resisting an ugly occupation during this deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

This, too, shall pass, Insha Allah!

Sincerely

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