

A Statement for the People, October 9, 2023

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

”This is a statement for the people.”

The ”Aqsa Flood” operation is a legitimate right for our people to defend themselves, their land, and their sanctities. It is upon the world to support our struggle for freedom and self-determination.

The entire world has witnessed and followed, for over seven decades, how the occupying state and its fascist government have aggressed against our Palestinian peoplewomen, children, elders, and the elderly through killings, arrests, and displacement, how they have occupied our land, engaged in colonization and settlement, desecrated our Islamic and Christian holy sites, spilled Palestinian blood, insulted our women, violated the rights of our prisoners, suppressed their just demands, all while [the worlds] governments and institutions remained silent and failed to condemn these violations, put an end to the occupation, and stop these atrocities. This has only emboldened the occupiers to escalate their acts of terrorism and aggression to a level which one cannot be silent about, evidenced by:

Firstly: The ongoing and escalating violations committed by terrorist settlers against the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, their repeated provocative incursions under the protection of the occupying forces, with the participation of ministers in the fascist occupation government. They have prevented Muslim worshipers and attacked them, exploiting Jewish holidays to impose and solidify a status quo of temporal and spatial division of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, with the construction of their alleged Temple on its ruins.

Secondly: The occupation’s continuation of its settlement expansion policy throughout the West Bank and the occupied city of Al-Quds, through deliberate land theft of our occupied territories, approval of numerous expansionist settlement projects, and legitimizing many illegal settlement outposts established by settlers on the lands of our citizens in the occupied West Bank. This is a clear defiance of the international community and the resolutions of international bodies that criminalize settlements.

Thirdly: The occupation escalates its violations and crimes against our heroic prisoners in its prisons, who spent the best years of their youth behind bars. They are exposed to the most horrific oppression and barbaric violations, after the terrorist Minister Ben-Gvir’s incitement against them was translated into criminal practices in prisons, which caused them live in the worst conditions of detention, including repression, isolation, and abuse.

Fourthly: The brutal war waged by the fascist occupation government against our people in the occupied West Bank. Through repeated raids on cities, villages and campuses, daily raids and arrests, and the policy of segregation, racial discrimination and ethnic cleansing, as well as the continuation of the unjust siege on the Gaza Strip for more than sixteen years, and the catastrophic effects it has had on more than two million Palestinian citizens. We in the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), in the face of this Zionist invasion and its open war on our people, our land,

and our sanctities, driven by our responsibility to defend our legitimate rights guaranteed by all divine laws, international norms and laws, affirm that the Al-Aqsa Flood battle, this great historical epic that is written by the Martyr Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam Brigades and the Palestinian resistance and embraced by our people throughout the country and abroad is a legitimate right for our people to defend themselves, their land, and their sanctities, in light of the continued aggression of the occupation and the silence and failure of the world to put an end to its escalating terrorism, and its denial of all the rights of our people and their aspirations to liberate their land and their return to it.

In this context, we renew our call to all countries of the world to assume their political and humanitarian responsibilities, to do justice to our people and support their legitimate struggle for freedom and self-determination, to establish their independent, fully sovereign state, with Al-Quds as its capital, and to end the longest and most dangerous ongoing displacement occupation in the world.