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Quds Day

Commemorative Edition

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1-introduction

In the Name of God, the Merciful and Compassionate

Palestine, the Islamic revolution and a distinct view

The depressive events of Palestine's extortion and the Palestinians endless pains started in the late of 19th century and the beginning of 20th century. Britain's political and military dominance over the Middle East region began following the collapse of Ottoman Imperial and the colonists' schemes. Simultaneous to the brutal acts of England in making Palestine under its occupation in 1917



and it tried to create a Zionist state to counter the Palestinians' national movements. No one could hear the innocent and submissive sounds of Palestine's authorities in the decomposed lands of Ottoman. The first riot of Palestinians ended with 351 martyrs and the arrest of so many freedom fighters in 1929. Sheikh Ezz al-Din Qesam, the founder of Palestinian resistance who tackled several challenges was martyred after fifteen years of struggle against the Zionists. The other Palestinian leaders also beared the same fate and were by the British colonial power and Zionist terrorists. The end of England's colonial rule on the 14th of May 1948 did not bring the end of Palestinians' pain. On the contrary, the Britain left Palestinians on the mercy of Israelies and established "the Jewish national council" in Tel Aviv. Some hours later, Truman, the then American president, officially recognized the regime of Israel.

Therefore, the racist and terrorist regime, Israel, was illegally born as result of America and England's conspiracies and presented a new period of violating the basic human rights

against the Islamic countries. Thereafter, the Zionists began plundering the Arabs in Palestine and responded their smallest resistance with brutal and cruel acts. The Zionist regime was planted in the heart of the Islamic world in order to promote the interest of the United States and other colonial powers in the strategically important region of Middle East.

Reviewing the critical evolutionary history of Middle East after the establishment of Israel, we can conclude that despite of having the effectual capabilities and potential capacities, the Arabic and Islamic governments never could perform what they should do regarding occupied lands of Palestine.

However, it is worth mentioning that the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran was a great boost for the Palestinian issue. Regarding Imam Khomeini's universal recommendations as, the revival of religious culture, the negation of hegemonic powers, disrupting the cruel governors on the universal politics , reviving the Islamic traditions like Ibrahimian Haj, undermining the illegal existence of Israel , Quds freedom, defending the liberal movements and the movement toward the divine spirituality and the exalted values, we can indicate that the Americans interpreted Iran's Islamic revolution as a great earthquake. However, the nations especially all the schools of Muslim thoughts welcomed Iran's liberal and independent government. America and the West tried to represent Iran's revolution as of a sectarian nature, however, their conspiracies and plots remained ineffective in this regard. Imam Khomeini was very decisive and determined in the fulfillment of his goals toward Palestine and he delivered his promises even in the first days of Iran's revolution by close Israel's embassy in Tehran and handing it over the Palestinians. The announcement of Quds day, as the last Friday of Ramadan month, is promising for new movements to restore the world of Islam's support to its main stream and public that is reliance on religious faith and can be mobilized for the release of Quds.

Imam Khomeini's messages and goals put gradually its influence on the Islamic societies and created a great move in awakening and reviving Islam and the religious culture. The newly established organizations were increased relying on the negation of influencing from the foreign schools and based on the pure religious tendencies. The Islamic and religious sects in many Arab countries represented their powerful attendance and in between, we can mention the following issues as the main elements of America's failure in countering Iran's Islamic republic:

The emergence of Entefada and Lebanon's Hezbollah, the organization of Islamic Jihad, and other organizations relying on the religious supports of Muslims.

Imam Khomeini's view to the Middle East's critical issues, especially Palestine , was always along with an intellectual perspective and based on the divine verses , Palestinians' desires and the Muslim's public thoughts. His perspectives were completely different from other Arabic and Western governments' analysis. The spirit of the Islamic revolution leadership was constantly kept alive in all eras and after passing away of Imam Khomeini, the present leader of Iran and other authorities have emphasized on their stances. Referring to all Imam Khomeini's lectures, words, works, and his practical tradition, we can come to conclusion that his leadership responsibility regarding the Palestine 's issue is completely distinct from the other tendencies which step forward against the oppressed Palestinians' real desires.

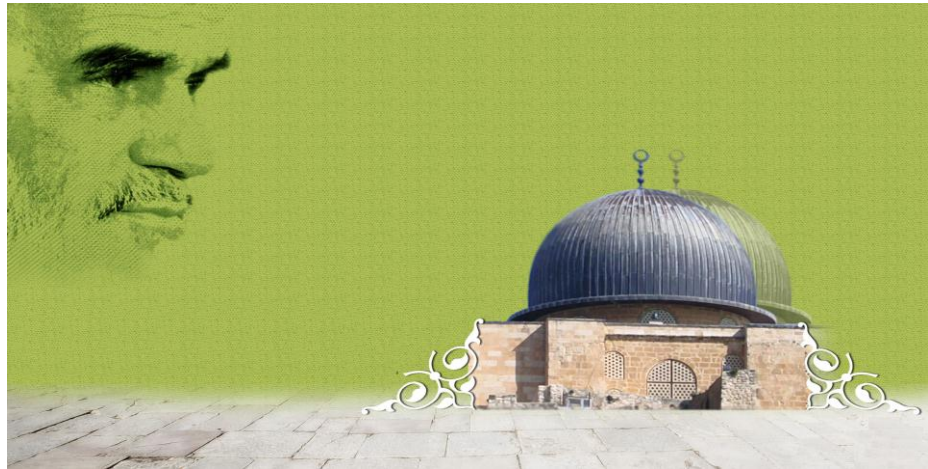
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2- Historical message regarding selection of last Friday from Ramadan as 'Quds Day'

Date: August 7,
1979 [Mordād 16,
1358 AHS /
Ramadan 13, 1399
AH], Place: Qum

Subject: Selection of
the last Friday of the
month of Ramadan
as “Quds Day”

Addressees: The
Muslims of Iran and
the world



In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

For many years, I have been warning Muslims of the menace posed by the usurper Israel that has recently intensified her savage raids on our Palestinian brothers and sisters. Bent on the destruction of Palestinian freedom fighters, Israel has been ceaselessly bombing their houses and homes in South Lebanon.

I call on the Muslims of the world as well as on all Muslim governments to join forces to cut down this usurper and its supporters. I invite Muslims all over the globe to consecrate the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan—which is a ‘day of fate’ and which could also become the day on which the fate of the Palestinian people might be determined—as ‘Quds Day’ and to proclaim the international solidarity of Muslims in support of the legitimate rights of the Muslim people (of Palestine). I pray to the Almighty for the victory of the Muslims over the infidels. May God’s peace, mercy and blessings be upon you.”

Rūhullah al-Musawii al-Khomeini

Sahifey ye-Imam, Vol. 9, P. 267

3: Political geography of Beyt Al-Moqadas-

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Geopolitically it is of great significance to maintain ties with certain regional and international powers in accordance with territorial or state location. To illustrate better, the experts say the strategic importance of the state is just like the example of "chess field" in which beside the numbers and the kinds of chessman, their location toward the opponent is important. Regarding this example, we can say that the geographical location of each region can have a great influence on the superpower competitions to achieve it and present its political importance. The importance of a region in political view is not considered as a positive or negative element per se, but the importance of region regarding the members' requirements, their unity or harmony, separation and even their challenges are different. Therefore, it is possible some political, geographical elements cause a region's power and development and sometimes its weakness and retardation.

The political geographical characteristics of Quds:



To review the political geography of each region of the world, what should be considered of the most importance is the step of that region's formation in history and the governments existed in it. However, in the political-geographical review of each region, what should get into consideration are in fact all the influential elements of that region on its future regarding the present condition. In other words, the political geography of each region is the result of complex issues taken from the existing contrary forces,

which stand in front of each other.

One of the most important characteristics of Quds political geography is the mutual relations among the divine religions like Judaism, Christianity and Islam with a variety of cultures and this all makes the region of great importance.

Reviewing the contemporary history in the Middle East, we find that one of the most important issues in Palestine is Bait al-Moqadas which has become a combating field and several challenges lie ahead in this regard.

In contemporary era, with the emergence of colonization and colonists in the Middle East and the occupied Islamic territories to establish the Zionistic regime turned this region into a combat field and a region full of challenges.

Islam and land of Quds

In addition to the geographical situation and the strategic importance of Bait al-Moqadas, what attracts the Muslim's attention to this region can be summarized in two points:

The first is that Bait al-Moqadas is one of Palestine's Muslim-inhabit cities, which are occupied by the Zionist enemy. Therefore, based



on Islam's regulations and teachings, the Muslims should not remain silent against this problem. It is related to the issue of sovereignty as the Islam doesn't accept the

governorship or administration of non-Muslims over a Muslim territory. The second one is that this city has a special spiritual and historical status for the Muslims because it was the first place in which the Muslim's Keble (the direction of prayer) was distinguished and also Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Sakhre Mosque are located in a vast area of this city known as Harem-e-Sharif (the noble Shrine). In addition to these issues, the mentioned mosques are important to Muslims since their purity and importance have come from the holy prophet's Me'raj (spiritual journey and ascendance towards heaven and the exalted God, regarding this subject, states in the beginning part of Asra Surah:

" Glorified is Allah who took His obedient worshipper (Muhammad {peace be upon him}) for a journey by night from Al-Masjid-al-Haram to Al-Masjid-al-Aqsa, the neighborhood whereof we have blessed in order that we might show him (Mohammad peace be upon him) of our Ayah (proofs, evidences, lessens, signs, etc.)"

In Beyt-Al-Moqadas, in addition to Masjid al-Aqsa, there are 36 other mosques. 29 of these mosques are located inside the city and 7 of them are in the suburbs of the town. Moreover, many of shrines and tombs of Islamic great leaders and the prophet's disciples are in this town. Therefore, because of the mentioned issues and because of the spiritual historical status of Quds , the Muslims shouldn't never let Zionists to attack and disrespect the purified places.

Iran's Islamic revolution policy toward Palestine and the noble Quds

Since Iran's Islamic revolution gained victory relying on dynamic concepts based on Imam Khomeini's thoughts and it was deeply founded on the nations' movement, the religious beliefs and instructions. It is natural that the policies of such revolution in all its dimensions especially regarding Palestine's freedom and illegal existence of Zionist entity cannot be indifferent. This issue of Palestine is placed on top of the agenda of the Islamic Republic's government and officials.

Therefore, we can say that Islamic revolution policy in relation to Palestine and Quds is the same as Imam Khomeini's put this issue on top of the agenda and as a top priority. Iran's success had a great positive impact on Muslims' combat against Zionists and brought about a real changes and improvements in this regard. Before the victory of the Islamic



Revolution, the Shah was considered as one of the most important allies of West and Israel in this strategically important region. Before the Islamic revolution, Iran was one of Israel's consuming and producing goods market. In fact, Iran contributed and played an important role in improving Israel's economy. In

other words, Shah exported Iran's oil to Zionists and developed its important economical-industrial structure and supported Israel agaist Palestine. Therefore, Iran was transformed to a base in which the Israel's spying operations against the Arab countries were being conducted. One of Islamic revolution of Iran's progressive tools was Imam Khomeini's famous lecture regarding the hidden relations of Shah and Israel and his aids to the common enemies of Muslims.

One reason for our opposition to the Shāh is his support for Israel. I have always said that the Shāh has cooperated with Israel from its very inception and when the war between Israel and the Muslims reached its peak, the Shāh continued to usurp the oil of the Muslims and supply it to Israel. This very issue was one of the reasons for my opposition to the Shāh. The Iranian Muslim nation has never supported Israel (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 5, P. 187)

From the beginning of his challenges, Imam Khomeini tried to create a strong relation with Palestine since he had found that combating to set Palestine free is not merely regional issue but and Islamic issue and ignoring this problem will pose serious challenges to the Islamic world, its past and present.

From this point, Imam raised Palestine not only as regional issue but also presented it as universal human issue. Therefore, Imam Khomeini considered Palestine beyond the geographical borders and presented it as a very important issue to the world's religious people. After depicting the human principles regarding Palestine, Imam Khomeini underscored the Islamic basics and focused on the Muslim World's role in Palestine 's freedom. Imam says in this regard as following:

"Quds belongs to the Muslims and must be returned to them." (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 5, P. 82)

He placed Palestine's issue as the main axis of Islam's universal movement and name Quds day as the day of Islam's revival. He called this day as the day of the poor nations' fate determination and asked people to seriously help for the achievement of this aim.

"Quds Day is a global day. It is not a day exclusively for Quds. It is a day when the oppressed confront the oppressors. It is a day of confrontations for nations that have been under the tyranny of the American government and other oppressors. It is a day when the oppressed should become equipped against the oppressors and they should rub their noses in the dirt. It is a day when committed individuals are preferred over hypocrites. Dedicated people consider today as Quds Day and act, as they are obliged. The hypocrites and those who are secretly acquainted with the superpowers and are friendly with Israel, today are

indifferent or do not allow the nations to demonstrate on this day. Quds Day is a day when the fate of the oppressed nations must be determined. Oppressed nations should make their presence known to the oppressors, just like Iran rose up and defeated and will defeat. All nations should rise up and throw these germs of corruption in the garbage. Quds Day is a day when these followers of Iran's past regime and these corrupt plot-making regimes and superpowers in other places, especially in Lebanon, should know their assignment. It is a day when we and they should exert our efforts to liberate Quds and save our Lebanese brothers from these pressures. It is a day when we have to rescue the oppressed from the claws of the oppressors. It is a day when the Islamic society should make its presence known to all superpowers and their pulp, whether in Iran or other places." (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 9, P. 276)

4: The interface of ideologies in "Entefada"

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The Muslims' victory in the Crusades, the conquest of Constantinople and the unbelievable development of Ottoman

Empire in the east and west of Europe were real converging achievement, which introduced four strategic elements:

- a) Ideological unity: relying on a universal, divine, rational and ideal Islamic ideology
- b) Governing unity: religious, political , army
- c) Nations' unity: conscious collaboration and support of Muslims
- d) Geopolitical unity: geopolitical connection of the world of Islam

Renascence or renaissance, which was the result of its close association with Islam and Muslims and a combination of revolution in the entire West's cultural, political and economical dimensions, from one hand, caused the increase of knowledge fields and on the



other hand, they increased their military powers and established colonies in the Far East. However, the possibility of compensating for historical failures and dominance over the Islamic regions until the end of Ottoman Empire was not reachable or accessible. It is worth mentioning that the mentioned four elements of unity and convergence could play an important role against any possible revenge, takeover or plot of dominance over the world of Islam.

Despite growing suspicion about three main colonial powers of Europe (British, France, and Germany), above-mentioned points could be considered the strength and reasons behind the Muslims power.

Those elements mentioned-above could create intellectual role or power for Muslims in the beginning of the 19th century.

The Muslims against the increasing influence of colonial powers thought that they can survive and introduce themselves a religious community and support administrations likes of Vatican or join a great number of modern intellectual politicians who were ready to openly criticize the Ottoman Empire's weaknesses or they could follow pattern of powerful modern economics, which were established by Asian and African colonies.

Anyhow the colonial power could increase their influence following the collapse of Ottoman Empire across the Muslim World.

a) "The collapse of Ottoman Empire happened due to following factors:

First, the collapse of ideological unity through religious sects' challenges (Creation of sectarian tensions among Shia, Sunni, and some other sects) and the development of improvidence, second, weakening of the geopolitical unity through establishing new and

scattered governments, third, fading of the governing unity through removing *Khilafat* institution, fourth, vanishing of the public unity through developing nationalism and modernism.

In a bid to exercise their power without the direct interference, the colonist government of England with the help of other Western governments began to program the collapse of *khilafat* of Ottoman government through establishing Zionistic organization and created an obstacle in front of Muslims in order not to let them reach their powerful forces. In order to make its government more powerful and permanent, the colonist government should take advantage of the west's aids, powerful ideal and unified elements and incentives. In this way, it could attract the world's attention through injecting the financial resources ... to avoid the formation of real public thought in Islamic countries. In addition to these, the considered colonial powers should benefit from the permanent motivations, whether racing, or believing, in order to slaughter the Muslims. Its geographical situation in the Muslim countries should be selected in such a way that could both create the required motivation for the considered immigrants and could help it in emergency conditions not to be completely surrounded by the Muslim countries. Such a government should always benefit from the political, army, and security issues toward its neighborhood.

Therefore, with perfect planning, from the middle of 19th cent., the colonist country, England, presented "the race-unity of the world's Jews" party and then "the Zion Sect" id established in Palestine (1880-1900).



Consequently, by an immediate announcement in 1917 and the establishment of "Judaism national center" in the occupied Palestine beside its formal subsistence to England (1920), the required issues were prepared for initiation, transforming and inhibition of Jews to that country and the grounds of establishing Israel was provided in the heart of the world of Islam.

The mentioned process continued up to 1929 and since it did not reach an acceptable result; the first challenges began among the Palestine and the Jews who were under the complete support of England. This struggle continued up to 1948 because of the limitations England faced in direct challenges with peoples of Palestine and its weakness after the 2nd world war, handed over its international responsibilities to USA. With previous planning, the government of England left Palestine in 14th of May 1948 and some hours later formally announced the establishment of Israel by Ben Groin. Some time later, the Soviet Union also recongized Israel's formality.

Imam Khomeini in a letter to students residing the US and Canada said as following:

"Israel was originated through the conspiracy and collaboration of the imperialist countries of the East and the West. It was created to suppress and colonize the Muslim nations. Today all imperialists support it. By strengthening Israel militarily and politically and through the supply of lethal weapons, Britain and America encourage and incite it to commit continuous aggressions against the Arabs and Muslims, and to perpetuate its occupation of Palestine and other Muslim lands. The Soviet Union, by preventing the Muslims to become equipped and armed and through deceit, betrayal and policy of compromise, guarantees the existence of Israel." (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol.2, P. 438)

The Zionists began to slaughter the Palestine people through establishing the Zionist regime, Britain's army equipments and USA's supports to occupy the Muslims' country. During this era, the Zionists reach some important strategic victories and implemented their complete occupations in Palestine.

Simultaneous to these progressions, the West also could successfully destroy the mentioned four elements. Nothing was left regarding the ideological, public and geopolitical unity and even the zeal by humanity was absent.

There was no more nay vicegerency or *Khilafat* organ and an authority to support the Palestine.

The ideological unity of Islamic countries was collapsed through the establishment of the left, right and national parties. Shah in Iran became the great strategic supporter of Israel. Egypt and Jordan left the combating field against Israel and Syria was left alone among them.

These great failures obviously represented that no nationalism, no Marxism, and not their combination could solve Palestine's problem and the imagination of Nile to Furat went to reach Zionism' achievements.

Iran's Islamic revolution, in the 22nd of Bahman 1357 (Feb: 1979) made Zionist victories invalid. Moshe Diane anxiously announced that Iran's Islamic revolution was an earthquake, which would shake the Middle East. Manakhim Begin desolately stated that

Iran's victory initiated Israel's dark and cold days. Simultaneously, Kissinger, regarding Islamic revolution, announced, "after the second world war, there was not an important event like Iran's Islamic revolution. And if America does not perform the acts to Iran, which did for Vietnam, this revolution would continue to reach Israel".

The cause of this recommendation and that depression was obvious. Imam Khomeini did not know any other ideological issues better than Islam for combating and did not focus on anything as an army gun except the faith and did not know anything as a belief in combating field except the revival of martyrdom spirit among the Muslims.

It was more than 20 years that Imam Khomeini strongly gets into struggle with that regime of Shah and did not ever ignore helping the Palestine's people. All of these were in fact the reviving of the four mentioned elements in 1400 years of history.

The Zionists and their western supporters began performing a scenario regarding the preservation of Zionistic regime and causing the failure of Islamic revolutions. Their important strategic elements are as the following:

First, the immediate departure of Egypt from line through David Camp, second, the Lebanon occupation and confirmation of this movement through West and sending the American and French armies to Beirut, third, Iraq's attack on Iran, and fourth, the army coup in Turkey to arrange that country's policy in supporting Israel instead of Shah and creating a new group, threatening in Syria and Lebanon's borders' and new recruits sent to Iraq.

Therefore, from this date onward, we can divide Palestine's combats against the Zionists in to two periods. The first period started from Islamic revolution of Iran and continued to Meccan Muslims and pilgrims 'slaughter. During this time, all the movements approached the Islamization. The second period began in 1987 (Aman Conference) and is famous as the "Entefada Era".



The Iranian Muslims represented the universal dimensions of Islamic revolution with Imam Khomeini's leadership and the slogans of "Iran Today, Palestine Tomorrow" and expressed their great feelings to the issue of Palestine . Imam Khomeini, in his first international command (58/2/18) started to cut the ties with Egypt because of its signing the contract of David Camp. Some days before, Imam Khomeini had issued: "we never consider a right for the existence of Israel" (AHS 1358/11/16).

In 58/5/16 AHS, Imam Khomeini called the last Friday of Ramadan month as "Quds Day". With the beautiful slogans of "Quds Day is the day of Islam's revival", he separated Mohammadian Islam from American one. Whatever mystery Imam Khomeini mentions leads to Palestine. The failure of Fahd peace plan and Fas Conference due to Imam Khomeini's determinant objection along the public challenges in Palestine and Hezbollah's victories in the south of Lebanon beside Imam Khomeini's permanent attention to hold the absolution ceremony from the infidels in Mecca, with the disaster of pilgrims slaughtering in Mecca and the martyrdom of many Iranian and Palestinian people led to Entefada's Islamization and the separation of Arabic hypocrisy line from Islamic combatants. From then on, the broad-minded Palestinians continued their combating against the Zionists. They inspired much more from the Hezbollah in the south of Lebanon who witnessed the Zionists' humble failure.

Therefore, Imam Khomeini will live in the history forever. Some of sayings of Imam regarding these issues are as under:

"Wherever they are, especially by the side of the Holy Ka‘bah, Muslims should join the armies of God. The honored pilgrims to the worthiest and the most sacred land of love, the land of awakening and struggle, should march to an even loftier Ka‘bah—like Imām al-Husayn (‘a), the Doyen of Martyrs, who changed the garb of the pilgrimage with that of war, who exchanged the circumambulation of the House for that of the Master of the House, and who turned from the ablution with the Zamzam water to bathing in the blood of martyrdom. Let them transform this community into undefeatable people and an impregnable structure."

(Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 21, P. 85)

"The epic poem of the people of Palestine is not a fortuitous phenomenon. Does the world imagine who have composed this epic poem and on which ideal the people of Palestine have relied, who are heedlessly and empty-handedly resisting against the brutal attacks of the Zionists? Is it the mere call of patriotism that has made a world of resistance for their existence? Has it sold its tree of politicians since it is the fruit of steadfastness and the olive of light and hope that are falling? If that was the case, it is for years that these politicians are in the midst of the Palestinians and have taken their bread in the name of the Palestinian nation! There is no doubt that it is the call of "Allāhu akbar"—cried by our nation that rendered the Shāh hopeless in Iran and the Zionist usurpers in Jerusalem. It is (because of) the realization of that slogan of disavowal that the Palestinian nation, shoulder-to-shoulder with their Iranian sisters and brothers, shouted the loud cry of liberation of Quds and uttered, "Death to America, the Soviet Union and Israel" at the Hājj demonstrations. On the same bed of martyrdom, that the blood of our beloveds spilled that it (the Palestinian nation) rested in peace with the offering of blood and the rite of martyrdom. Yes, the Palestinians found their lost way through our way of disavowal. We observed in this struggle how the strong sieges were broken; how the blood over the sword, faith over disbelief, and shout over the bullet emerged victorious, how the dream of the Children of Israel of occupying the area from Nile to Euphrates was disturbed and how the shining star of Palestine was set ablaze from the blessed tree of our "Neither East nor West". Today, just as the widespread moves in the entire world to draw us to compromise with disbelief and polytheism are in full swing, the same continues for extinguishing the flame of wrath of the Muslim nation of Palestine. This is just one example of the advancement of the revolution. While those, who believe in the principles of our Islamic revolution, have multiplied in the world and we consider them as strong assets of our own revolution, those who sign the scroll of defending us with the ink of blood and respond to

the call of the revolution with all their lives will take control of the entire world with the help of God. Today, the war has embarked on between truth and falsehood, poverty and affluence, oppression and arrogance, and the barefooted and the indolent affluent. I kiss the hands and shoulders of all the dear people across the world shouldering the burden of resistance, struggling in the cause of God and enhancing the honor of Muslims. I present my sincere greetings and salutations to all the buds of liberty and excellence. God has spread the effects and blessings of our spirituality in the world. Your luminous hearts and eyes have become the center of supporting the deprived, and the spark of your revolutionary wrath has frightened the rightist and leftist world-devourers. Of course, we all know that our country at the state of war and revolution has endured hardships and troubles. Nobody claims that the deprived, deprived and low-income classes, particularly workers and employees, are not experiencing the grips of economic problems. However, what all the people think as more important than this is the issue of preserving Islam and the foundations of the revolution. The people of Iran have proved that they can endure thirst and hunger but can never tolerate the defeat of the revolution and blow to its principles. The noble nation of Iran has always resisted against the most intense attacks by the entire world of disbelief against the foundations of its Revolution, all of which have no chance of mentioning here." (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 21, P.85)

Imam Khomeini emphasized on the public's challenges and his own bold attacks to the Arab politicians to revive the poor nations' self-confidence and their internal powers against the infidels. He offered a new concept of "Islamic nation" and its functions, which implemented its first exam successfully with Iran's Islamic revolution. This is the same fact that made a strong nation from Palestinian poor people who achieved great progress and

victories everyday against the international Zionists. These victories and successes disrupted the entire Zionists' hopes for the achievement of Palestine.

The Quran guides regarding such types circumstances as under:

"If you make efforts in Allah's way He will help you and makes your feet firm and secures you from being shaky along his path (Surah Mohammad, verse 8)

ان تنصر الله ينصركم و يثبت اقدامكم

5- An analysis of Quds Day

One of the precious and irreplaceable heritage issues of Imam Khomeini is the universal and international day of Quds. The announcement of such an issue in a special time framework origins from Imam Khomeini's deep political thought and pure mystical inception, which represents the mixture and blend of religion an politics that would never be separated from each other. Imam Khomeini's unique attitude toward Zionistic regime originated from his great and multi-dimensional knowledge regarding the Zionistic nature and essence. Quds Day is the convention with eternal ideals of Imam Khomeini and the oath of allegiance with revolution's leader. In this day, the Islamic nation, once again, initiates relations with Islamic ideological thoughts of Imam Khomeini and states to the world that this movement will never stop its plans.

The holy aspects of the timing of ceremony

"I call on the Muslims of the world as well as on all Muslim governments to join forces to cut down this usurper and its supporters. I invite Muslims all over the globe to consecrate

the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan—which is a ‘day of fate’ and which could also become the day on which the fate of the Palestinian people might be determined—as ‘Quds Day’ and to proclaim the international solidarity of Muslims in support of the legitimate rights of the Muslim people of Palestine." (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 9, P. 268)

The selection of last Friday as "World Quds Day" from the founder of the Islamic Republic has great significance from viewpoint of timing because the participants of rallies are fasting people that would give the rally a special holiness. The Quds Day is placed among the nights and days of 'Qadr', and it is the night which is according to Quranic expression better than one thousands months and full of spirituality. This is the night when the whole of the holy Quran was reveled to the holy prophet. Moreover, the divine angels and the Great Spirit descend down from heavens in order to determine the fate of individual and social lives of people and societies. The spiritual peace and security prevails and encompasses the human beings from dawn to dust.

The affect of slogans by fasting Muslim people

"The Muslims should chant slogans and shouldn't imagine that that their shouts and slogans are in vain." (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 13, P. 20)

The Muslims and other people chant a plentiful of slogans, which are triggered from the heart of the anti-oppression religion of Islam, and these slogans on the last Friday of Ramadan. These slogans from all over the world target the black point of Israel and besiege this occupier Zionist regime. The demonstrators and participants draw a barrier around the selfishness desires of Israel by chanting their slogans of "God is great". They shake the pillars of brutal Zionist regime with monotheistic words and slogans.

Warnings about germ of corruption

"I have warned the Muslims about the dangers posed by the occupying regime of Israel over the past years."

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The Quds Day is designed to declare the dangers the Zionism poses to the Muslim world and its holy sanctuaries. The crimes of Israel are reminded to all on this day. The denial and doubts about occurrence of cruelty from humankind mind departs and replaces with knowledge and awareness of repeated painful incidents being taking place in the occupied territories. The warning bells about killing of people are ranged and the sound of that rings disturbs the clam of ears. The street demonstrations warn about the dangers posed by the occupation of Israel.

It will besiege Israel, and Zionist regime is surrounded by loud voices of Allah Akbar (God is great). Finally, the monotheistic words and expressions will shake the brutal rule of Israel.

The elucidation of the oppression of Palestinian people

".. Add voice to uprising of oppressed nation in the occupied Palestinian territories and back their demonstrations and uprising against the Israel's oppressions." (Vol. 16, P. 159)

The other aspect of this issue is the state of the oppressed Palestinian whose words come out from other Muslims' mouths. The sounds of the injured and poor people of Palestine are spread in Islamic countries. In this day, the Muslims out of Palestine, call the injustice for poor, oppressed Palestinian, and remained those who are deprived of the basic human rights. Discrimination is completely obvious in their personal and social life aspects and every day the scope of poverty, richness, stone and gun extends much more than before.

Cutting hands of anger and Terrorism

We says that Israel must wipe out the world map (16-490)

In front of the colonists' cruelty, the Muslims should not be silent since their atrocity will increase. The special groups of murdering continue their slaughter more darelly and easily. If people revolt against such bloodthirstiness, the least effect would be the understanding of the world's liberals about their terrible and aggressive behaviors. Quds Day is millions of Muslims marching against Israel's improvidence.

Distinguish between the disciples of right and wrong (truth and untruth)

On the Quds Day, the nations must warn the governments who are treacherous, and on that day we will recognize the certain persons or governments those are in agreement with international conspirers or are against Islam."

(Sahifeh ye-Imam 9-279)

On Quds Day, the line of faithful is separated from the infidels. Those who object to oppression symbol in their hearts and thoughts will express their feeling in action and speech. In this day, people are examined via their words, actions, and their love to Palestine

and the detesting feels to Israel. Those who believe Israel as the humanity and Muslims' enemy join to demonstrators' lines and practice Imam Ali's words:

"Show your animosity towards oppressor and be helpful to oppressed ones."

"كونوا للظالم خصما و للمظلوم عوناً".

The Muslims' connection

"I acknowledge the Quds Day as the day of the honorable of holy prophet. The Muslims should not allow others to interfere in their country." (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 9-278)

On Quds Day, people from all over the world join to each other. The slogans of "Death to Israel" and "Down with America" weakens the enemies' power. People from every nation, race, and religion step forward regardless of their social, political place and voice their support for the Palestinians.

The demonstrators chant the following slogans " "الله اكبر"، "لا اله الا الله"، "محمد رسول الله"، "اسرائيل عدو الله"

God is great', there is no God, but Allah, and Mohmmammad (peace be upon him) is Allah's prophet.

"Israel is the enemy of God"

This symbol of the united Ummah, which recall us of another Abraham's dawn, will enlighten the ray of hope in the hearts of Palestinian combatants and will level the way for struggle.

The formation of party of oppressed people

"The Quds Day is an Islamic day. I am hopeful that this issue proves a prelude for formation of a party of oppressed people all over the world, and the all oppressed participate in this party and so they can remove barriers from the way of oppressed ones. (Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 9, P. 280)

Quds Day is a prelude towards establishing the oppressed party on the earth. The world's oppressed and poor people take part in the demonstration and hope for the restoring Palestinians' rights. Quds Day relates to more than one geographical point in the word but it is the symbol of thought, and strategy of performing the tasks for the world's oppressed people. Their ultimate goal is to maintain close ties with God and end up in a humanly noble life. They are real monotheists who only have piety and fear of God in their hearts and know no one more influential except Him.

Seyed Mohamad Ali Mosavi

6. Palestine and Quds in Imam's precious sayings

If only the Islamic countries and Muslim nations—instead of relying on the Eastern and Western Blocs—relied on Islam, set before their eyes the luminous and deliverance-bestowing teachings of the Holy Qur'an, and acted upon them, today they would not have been victims of the Zionist aggressions, be frightened by the American Phantom (jets) and subdued by the compromising inclination and Satanic trickeries of the Soviet Union

(Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 2, P. 437)

It is, therefore, incumbent on all Islamic and, especially, Arab governments to trust in God Almighty and, by mobilizing all their forces, hasten to the aid of these devoted fighters

in the vanguard of the battle who have pinned their hopes on the Muslim nations to join them in this jihād for the liberation of Palestine and the restoration of the glory and eminence of Islam.

They should set aside their differences and their debasing, destructive discord and, instead, strengthen and organize their ranks by giving the hand of brotherhood to one another. They should not allow themselves to be intimidated by the flimsy power of the supporters of Zionism and Israel, nor pay heed to their empty threats and promises

(Shifeh ye-Imam, Vol.3, P.1)

The Muslims must deliberate about the liberation of Palestine and declare to the world their aversion and disapproval of the attempt to compromise and negotiate the destiny of its people by the infamous mercenary leaders who, in the name of Palestine and the aspirations of the people of its usurped lands, have brought them nothing but devastation and distress. These traitors should not be permitted to blemish the honor and prestige of the heroic people of Palestine with their negotiations and diplomatic trips. It is because these pseudo-revolutionary wretches, having sold away themselves, have taken recourse to America and Israel with the excuse of liberating Quds.

How astonishing that ever since that tragic carnage and usurpation of Palestine, the silence and complicity of the heads of Muslim countries and their compliance with the usurper Israel have increased day by day. Now, there is not even any echo of those slogans and the earlier bombast about liberating Quds. If the government and people of a country like Iran, which is repulsing the invader and under economic sanctions, rises to the support of the Palestinian people, they are immediately condemned. That a single day of the year should be designated as “Quds Day” makes them panicky.(Shifeh ye-Imam, Vol.20, P.220)

The epic poem of the people of Palestine is not a fortuitous phenomenon. Does the world imagine who have composed this epic poem and on which ideal the people of Palestine have relied, who are heedlessly and empty-handedly resisting against the brutal attacks of the Zionists? Is it the mere call of patriotism that has made a world of resistance for their existence? Has it sold its tree of politicians since it is the fruit of steadfastness and the olive of light and hope that are falling? If that was the case, it is for years that these politicians are in the midst of the Palestinians and have taken their bread in the name of the Palestinian nation! There is no doubt that it is the call of “Allāhu akbar”—cried by our nation that rendered the Shāh hopeless in Iran and the Zionist usurpers in Jerusalem. It is (because of) the realization of that slogan of disavowal that the Palestinian nation, shoulder-to-shoulder with their Iranian sisters and brothers, shouted the loud cry of liberation of Quds¹ and uttered, “Death to America, the Soviet Union and Israel” at the Hājj demonstrations. On the same bed of martyrdom, that the blood of our beloveds spilled that it (the Palestinian nation) rested in peace with the offering of blood and the rite of martyrdom. Yes, the Palestinians found their lost way through our way of disavowal. We observed in this struggle how the strong sieges were broken; how the blood over the sword, faith over disbelief, and shout over the bullet emerged victorious, how the dream of the Children of Israel of occupying the area from Nile to Euphrates was disturbed and how the shining star of Palestine was set ablaze from the blessed tree of our “Neither East nor West”.

Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 21, P. 85)

This is a lesson for the Islamic countries and the oppressed people of the world to discover their Islamic power and not to fear the drunken brawls of the East and West, their

¹ Quds: the Arabic word for Jerusalem and meaning ‘the holy’. Jerusalem is revered as the third holiest city in Islam, after Mecca and Medina.

associates and their scums. By trusting in God and relying on the power of Islam and faith, they should rise up and drive out the criminals, place the liberation of Jerusalem on top of their agenda, cast off the ignominy of being under the domination of the Zionists who are the U.S. dregs, and keep the Quds day alive. It is hoped that by keeping this day alive, the apathy and inattentiveness would fade away and that by uprising of honorable nations, some treacherous heads of states who have joined hands with Israel and succumbed to the dictates of America and still carry on with their disgraceful political and criminal life and against the interests of Muslims, would be driven out of scene, to be buried in the dustbin of history.

(Sahifeh ye-Imam, Vol. 15, P. 61)

Now the revolutionary and brave Muslims of Palestine are shouting inviting Muslims to uprising and unity with tremendous effort and divine clamor from the place of the ascension² of the seal of the Prophets (peace be upon him and his progeny), launching a movement against global blasphemy? With what excuse in front of God the Omnipotent and the wakeful human conscience can one be indifferent to this Islamic question. Now that the blood of our dear Palestinian youth have weltered the walls of Masjid al-Aqsā and are gunned down by a handful of fraudulent people in response to demanding their rightful claim, is it not disdainful for ardent Muslims not to respond to their innocent outcry and not to sympathize with them? Let their sympathy with them awaken the governments to employ their enormous Islamic power and curtail the hand of the world-devouring US, this criminal of history, which holds the evil hand of Israel from across the seas in token of support for the tyrants, and rescue themselves and the oppressed peoples of the world. It is

² Masjid al-Aqsā.

hoped that the Beneficent God will favor man and3 materialize His Qur'anic promise to make the oppressed people victorious over the arrogant powers.

Salutations to Quds and to Masjid al-Aqsā, greetings to nations rising up against criminal Israel and salutations to Muslims and oppressed peoples of the world.

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