

How Shameful is Silence in Face of this Great Calamity of History

Imam Khomeini, the Leader of the oppressed of the world and the Islamic Revolution and the Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran on April 14, 1982, sent a message concerning the Day of Protest of the Muslims of the world in support of the oppressed Muslim people of Palestine. The protest was against the disrespect shown by the occupier regime of Israel to the Aqsa Mosque, the first qibla* of the Muslims of the world. The message was read by Hajj Seyyed Ahmad Khomeini during the rally held on the occasion with the participation of the Muslim revolutionary people of Iran.

In the Name of God,
the Compassionate,
the Merciful.

Quds issue is not a personal matter, nor a matter concerning a country nor an issue exclusively concerning the Muslims of the world at the present time.

Rather it is an event for all the monotheists of the world and all the faithful—past, present and future—from the day when the Aqsa Mosque was built for as long as this planet revolves in the cycle of existence. And how painful it is for the Muslims of the world at the present time that, despite all their material and spiritual potential, such acts of insolence are committed against God, the Exalted, and his Honorable Prophets by a handful of criminal thugs. How

disgraceful it is for the Islamic governments, despite holding the life-line of the superpowers of the world, to sit and watch the U.S., this super criminal of the century, prop up a worthless corrupt element which has brazenly occupied their holy shrine and first



Qibla with a small force. How shameful it is to remain silent before this calamity of history. How wonderful it would have been had the loud speakers of the Aqsa Mosque sounded from that very day when these wicked Israeli elements began this great



crime. Now that the valiant revolutionary Muslims of Palestine have fervently raised their divinely-inspired voices from the place of the Ascent of the Seal of the Prophets (ﷺ) and have moved against international "Kufr" (unbelief), what excuse does one have before Almighty God and one's vigilant human conscience to remain indifferent toward this Islamic matter? Now that the blood of the Palestinian youths has washed the walls of the Aqsa Mosque; now that they have heard the reply to their legitimate demands from deceivers, with machine guns, is it not disgraceful for devout Muslims not to answer the call of the oppressed and not to express their sympathy with them? Let their empathic voices awaken the governments and persuade them to use the vast Islamic Power to save the oppressed nations by cutting the interests of the U.S. (government), this criminal of history, which backs tyrants.

It is hoped that God, the Munificent, will favor humanity and realize his Quranic promise, by making the oppressed of the world victorious over the oppressors.

Hail to Quds and the Aqsa Mosque. Salutations to the nation which has risen up against criminal Israel. Salutations to the Muslims and the oppressed of the world.

Ruhullah al-Musavi al-Khomeini
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QIBLA — The direction to which Muslims turn in prayer. ■

their enlightenment is as useful as relying on international organizations.

If the Palestinians follow the method of the general awakening of the population, then, at the time of public uprising against the occupiers, the people will be fully aware of their canonical obliga-

tion in Islam to carry out an armed struggle against those who have occupied the lands of the Muslims.

Our Palestinian brothers and sisters should continue what they have begun on the West Bank. It is this method which will, God willing, lead to the liberation of Quds. ■