

Press Release

There Will Be No End to the Annihilation of Gaza's Children Without the Mobilisation of the Muslim Armies Under the Islamic Leadership of the Khilafah State

According to a statement released by UNICEF on 31st March, more than 320 children have been killed and over 600 wounded in Gaza since the Zionist entity resumed its intense bombing of the Strip on the 18th March – equivalent to 100 children killed or maimed each day over the previous 10 days. It stated, *"Most of these children were displaced, sheltering in makeshift tents or damaged homes"*. Dozens of children were also killed on the day of Eid, with many more slaughtered in an occupation airstrike on Dar al-Arqam school in northern Gaza on the 3rd of April that was serving as a shelter for displaced families. Over 17,400 children have been killed by the genocidal occupation since October 2023, with countless more buried under the rubble. Indeed, a Palestinian child has been killed on average every 45 mins, and 30 every day over the past 18 months. 30% of children killed are under 5. All this is alongside the horrific scale of starvation, child malnutrition and preventable diseases afflicting Gaza's young due to the blockade on food, medicine and other essentials entering the Strip by the brutal occupation which has also contributed to child deaths. According to Save the Children, the occupied Palestinian Territory is now ranked as the deadliest place in the world for children, and Gaza currently has the highest rate of child malnutrition globally.

This genocide of Palestine's children will not end by placing hope for its end in the hands of Western governments, their tools, and institutions, including the United Nations and the International Criminal Court. These countries and bodies have proven their inability and unwillingness to restrain the occupation from committing mass murders. Under this immoral world order dominated by Western powers, there are no red lines for the atrocities committed by the Jewish entity against the people of Palestine, or even for halting the supply of weapons it uses to carry them out. This genocide will not end until Muslim armies mobilize to defend their nation and uproot this cancerous entity.

So, we address our call to every Muslim scholar, Imam, masjid, Muslim media, journalist, person of influence and every Muslim who sincerely wishes to end this slaughter and witness the liberation of the entire land of Palestine which must be for the Muslim armies to mobilise immediately to defend their Ummah and to remove these treacherous leaderships in our lands and replace them with the Khilafah (Caliphate) – the shield and guardian of the Ummah as described by our beloved Prophet (saw): « إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتِلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيَنْقِي بِهِ » **"Only the Imam (Khalifah) is a shield, behind whom you fight and you protect yourself with."**

And to the Muslim armies we say this: have you no shame to remain in the shadows while your Ummah is being exterminated in Palestine? Where is your sense of military honour? What are your weapons and training for if not to defend the Muslims, their lands and their Deen? Do the Words of your Rabb not instill fear in your heart: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَا لَكُمْ إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمُ انْفِرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَتَأْتِلُم إِلَى الْأَرْضِ أَرْضَيْتُمْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ﴾ **"What is the matter with you that when you are asked to march forth in the Cause of Allah, you cling firmly to 'your' land? Do you prefer the life of this world over the Hereafter?"** [At-Tawbah: 38]. What will your legacy be and how will you be remembered? Will it be as those who abandoned Al-Aqsa, abandoned the Blessed Land of Palestine, abandoned the Muslims, or as those who liberated the land of Al-Aqsa, and ensured security and protection for the Muslims by giving your support for the return of the System of Allah (swt)? So, break your allegiance to these despicable rulers and gain the immense honour and rewards in the Hereafter of becoming the Ansar of today and establishing the second Khilafah Rashidah!

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