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From the Qur'an:

“And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and [for] the oppressed among men, women, and children who say, "Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper.”?”

(*Surah Al-Nisa:*
Verse 75)

“That home of the Hereafter [in Jannah] We assign to those who do not desire exaltedness upon the earth or oppression [of others and corruption]. And the [best] outcome [as victory] is for the righteous.”

(*Surah Al-Qasas:*
Verse 83)

Selected Ahadith:

Narrated Ibn ‘Abbas (RA):
The Prophet (SAAW) sent Mu’adh (RA) to Yemen and said, “Be afraid, from the curse of the oppressed as there is no screen between his invocation and Allah.”

Sahih Bukhari

Narrated Anas bin Malik (RA):
Allah’s Messenger (SAAW) said, “Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or he is an oppressed one.”

Sahih Bukhari.

EDITORIAL

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

History is inexplicable. It has a way of seizing the chosen few to deliver a commanding message that transcends the tapered, often rote, confines of time, place and journey. To them, theirs is a journey of the ages. For those fortunate enough to witness such passage it is a transcendent reminder that greatness is measured not through acquired wealth or power but by the prompt of the principle, courage and sacrifice of the few.

We dedicate the first editorial of the year 2018 to the courage of the Muslims in Gaza and provide a testimony of the hypocrisy of the Apartheid state of Israel, with a comparison between Gaza and Tel Aviv.

Who can forget Faris Odeh, 15 years old when he stared down a tank with little more than a stone in his hand, murdered by Israel in Gaza? Or 23 year old Rachel Corrie, on that mist covered morning, armed with a bullhorn as she faced off against a bulldozer to save a home, murdered by Israel in Gaza. Now legend has taken 29 year old Ibrahim Abu Thuraya from us. Disabled but not disarmed, he had the boldness to stand his ground clutching his weapon, the flag he loved... murdered by Israel in Gaza.

What is there about a tiny enclave known as Gaza that so offends, so alarms, so intimidates Israel? It would be far too easy to say nothing and simply reduce it to Tel Aviv’s voracious chase of its off-shore gas reserves or it’s potential as a Mediterranean tourist coastline ...once cleansed of its native population and the destruction which bears the marked Star of David.

No. Gaza terrorizes Israel not by force of arms but through the endless resound of its resilience, the firm faith of its masses in the Almighty (SWT) and the muscle of its inspiration.

To millions of Palestinians under siege in Palestine, or those forcibly exiled by a Diaspora now 70 years of age, and to its chorus of supporters worldwide, Gaza stands as a shining beacon of resistance and hope.

50 miles from the destruction that is Gaza sits Tel Aviv... as so much a marker of grotesque Israeli indifference. Indeed, not a day passes without a new tease from the “third hottest city” in the world and “party capitol of the middle east” whether it is the pristine Mediterranean seashore, cosmopolitan restaurants, coffeehouses or galleries. Ranked as the 25th most important financial center in the world, Tel Aviv has the third-largest economy of any city in the Middle East and draws well over a million international visitors annually to its numerous upscale hotels. Tel Aviv has been called one of the 10 most technologically influential cities in the world. Serving as home to numerous venture-capital firms and scientific research institutes, it has hundreds of startup companies, textile plants and food manufacturers. Its population of almost half a million, with an unemployment rate of approximately less than 4% and average income of more than 20% above the Israeli national average.

But an hour’s drive, yet worlds away, sits Gaza; home to two million Palestinians. Once known, in polite social circles, as the earth’s largest open air prison, it long ago moved on from jail to Israeli administered death camp. Whether by embargo or bombs, it is simply impossible to watch the life and death of the coastal enclave without seeing Israel’s criminal plan unfold.

With the first blush of sunrise, the streets of Gaza City fill rapidly with those who have survived its ritual night of darkness illuminated solely by bursts of another Israeli bombing run. For them, with each passing hour, the taste of daylight portends a constant race against what

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little time remains to shop at empty markets, rush for medicines long gone, or dangerously dated, search for missing bottled water, or attend to the needs of family too paralyzed or ill to join the chase.

For others, it's an endless wail of mourn as infants are laid to rest with lungs once barely filled with the breath of life. Alongside them sleep the young who, traumatized by the unbearable pain of living, tragically surrendered to the calm of willing death. Next to them lie the "elderly" who grew old and ill far too soon while their generation is coming of age and power everywhere else. By now, it seems some have grown inured, indeed, comfortable with the visible suffer that is uniquely Gaza.

Unlike an explosive genocide that unfolds overnight, impossible for many to ignore, Gaza has long simmered out of sight...out of mind. Entering its second decade of complete isolation and embargo, Gaza periodically, inevitably, explodes from mindless rage in which Israel seeks to "mow the lawn" for little more than the embattled enclave's determined resilience.

Today, Israeli attacks and siege have left Gaza reeling from an absence of a basic infrastructure capable of meeting even the minimal needs of its two million people. Whether its electricity, clean water, healthcare, or sewage treatment and waste management, Gaza has been undergoing a very public humanitarian crisis for decades. In Gaza, abject poverty is rampant. At 41.1 percent, the unemployment rate is the highest in the world. Its youth unemployment is 64 percent. Currently there are 50,000 young women and men with university and graduate degrees unable to find work in their chosen fields... or any other. That figure grows each year by some 17,000 to 18,000. While once the industrial and production sectors offered more than 120,000 job opportunities per year, now less than 7,000 such positions become available.

For nearly a decade, Tel Aviv has held a yearly blackout in support of Earth Hour. Meanwhile, millions of nearby Palestinians struggle to eke out a life of bare existence with twenty-one hours of darkness each and every day. According to the WHO, power cuts and fuel shortages have created constant crises for Gaza's 14 public hospitals; threatening the closure of essential health services leaving thousands of people without access to life-saving medical care. In Shifa hospital, tiny premature babies, some with multiple infections or congenital diseases, lie crammed in incubators fighting for life as lights sputter. With electricity virtually cut off, their life support is entirely powered by a generator with unpredictable current.

As a result of repeated attacks that have targeted Gaza's water infrastructure... and a 10 year embargo on materials necessary for its repair, a crises in the making has now reached one of epic proportions unmatched anywhere else in the world. For two million people, it is estimated that 3% of the water of Gaza remains fit for human consumption. In particular, it poses grave risks to its children.

Cancer rates are exploding in Gaza. More than a decade of Israeli wars has poisoned its soil and water, leaving depleted uranium in their wake. Daily spray of insecticides used by Israel to clear border areas, have exacerbated what is becoming a deadly environmental disaster to a community long under siege through every means possible. According to the head of oncology at Shifa Hospital, today Gaza produces 90 cases of cancer per 100,000 people compared with 65 in 2010. These statistics are particularly ominous given the unusually young population of Gaza with 60% of its residents under 25.

A short distance from Gaza, Israeli patients receive the benefit of complex medical treatment from some of the finest and most specialized hospital and emergency care centers in the world. The Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center has been selected as one of the world's top 10 medical destinations specializes in adult and pediatric neurosurgery, orthopedic and surgical oncology, kidney-pancreas transplants, liver transplants, micro neurosurgery and trauma. The Assuta Hospital, in Tel Aviv, is part of Israel's largest private medical service and offers surgeries and diagnostic procedures in all fields of medicine; including cardiology, oncology, gynecology and urology. The Wolfson Medical Center, on the southern border of Tel Aviv, addresses a wide range of health conditions from malaria to diabetes and heart conditions and specialty care in ENT, orthopedics, infectious diseases, pediatrics, OB/GYN, family medicine and psychiatry.

In the light of the everyday nightmare in Gaza, some wonder what can drive hundreds, at times, thousands of young women and men to the edge of steel barricades and barbed wire that make their home a prison built of walls but not of silence. Yet they struggle on as they toss stones at soldiers hundreds of yards away and ignite fires that pose no threat but speak loudly of freedom. Ultimately, it's the indefatigable spirit of these 140 square miles of self-determination that threatens the myth, indeed, puts the lie to the grand sale of an "all-powerful" and "authoritarian" Israel.

Whatever Israel has built on seized land and, ultimately, will leave behind has not been erected by the "call of principled purpose" but the drive to become the ruling state in the world. At day's end, it's a legacy that knows no home, or welcome, but that of brute force.

For empires large and small history is but a predictable march of gaudy pretense. Gilded shacks built of shallow stilts and tattered shrines, theirs is homage to little more than empty tease. It's who and what they are... it's what they do... at least until they crash. And sooner or later all despotic empires crash.

Be assured, Israel will not be the exception. It is a promise made by the Almighty (SWT)!

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem e Islami****Date: 29 December 2017****Lahore (PR): “The US wants to take revenge of its humiliating defeat at the hands of the Afghan Taliban from Pakistan.”**

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, during the Khitab-e-Jumu'ah at Quran Academy, Lahore.

While commenting on the recent “notice” of the US President, Donald Trump, delivered to Pakistan by the Vice President of the US, Mike Pence, in which it had been conveyed that Pakistan would have to lose a lot if did not assist America in Afghanistan, the Ameer noted that instead of acknowledging the plethora of sacrifices that Pakistan had given in the American war, the insulting attitude of the US towards Pakistan signified that the US, along with other enemy powers, was aggressively perusing the policy of weakening and destabilizing our country.

He added that the situation of political chaos and anarchy inside Pakistan was a clear indication that there was zero unity and mutual harmony among our nation in wake of the ominous treachery of the global powers against our country.

He remarked that while we were standing on the edge of a destructive abyss, Allah (SWT) had also warned us in the Qur'an that if we held firmly unto Him (SWT), He (SWT) would help us but if we betrayed Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) Deen (Islam), then no one would be able to come to our rescue to protect and save us.

The Ameer concluded by emphasizing that the only way for the salvation of Pakistan was to become sincere in establishing the Deen of Allah (SWT) in our country and hence become eligible for His (SWT) benevolence, protection and help.

Date: 22 December 2017**Lahore (PR): “The United Nations safeguards the interests of ‘Big Powers’ only.”**

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, during the Khitab-e-Jumu'ah at Quran Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer noted that although the resolution against the US move of declaring Jerusalem the capital of Israel and moving its embassy to the Holy City had outright support in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, yet the US vetoed the resolution in the Security Council thus rendering it null and void, and any resolution passed in the General Assembly is non-binding and cosmetic in value in the first place. He said that the US is therefore still adamant on its decisions and the resolutions have made no impact on the status of its declarations.

The Ameer remarked that the UNO, in fact, played the role of an agent of the ‘Big Powers’ and it is a pseudo forum that is used as a tool to lull the poor and developing countries of the world into falsely believing that they have the same right as these ‘Big Powers’. He added that the UN had been established as an organization to serve injustice and it had nothing to do with providing justice.

While commenting on a news report that appeared in the Urdu daily “Dunya”, the Ameer said that the government’s plan to remove the column of ‘religion’ from the passport and the national identity card, and the intention to ‘revamp’ the curriculum, on the demand of ‘foreign powers’ was evidence that our government had not learnt any lesson from the ignominy and disgrace that it had to face on the issue of ‘Khatm-e-Nabuwat’ only recently.

He concluded by demanding that the government ought not play with fire by tinkering with such sensitive and delicate issues, and refrain from advancing a ‘New National Narrative’ on religion and religious matter.