

Message of the H.E. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
on the occasion of the Observance of the International day of solidarity with
the Palestinian people"

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, November 29, on behalf of the people and government of my country, I would like to convey the Islamic Republic of Iran's unwavering support for the Palestinian people in achieving their aspirations.

November 29th marks more than seven decades of occupation of the Palestinian territory by the Zionist regime, as well as the Palestinian's endless suffering and continuation of brutality and injustice against them. After more than seven decades of systematic occupation of the Palestinian territory and beyond, this issue has evolved into a complicated political and legal issue in the international system, rather than just a Palestinian-Islamic one. By invading and aggressing the helpless nation of Palestine and neglecting their fundamental human rights, this issue has resulted in the displacement of the Palestine's main inhabitants and the creation of a fake identity for an arrogant and racist entity.

By blatantly violating international conventions and resolutions, the Zionist apartheid regime has perpetrated extensive and systematic violation of human rights and state terrorism, while its continued aggression and expansion of settlements have endangered regional and global peace and security. At the same time, some States have sought to normalize relations with this regime by disregarding the Palestinian people's basic rights, which amounts to betraying the Palestinian cause and emboldening the Zionist apartheid and child killer regime to carry out more destabilizing and insecure measures. The Zionist regime's racist acts in displacing approximately five million Palestinians, expanding the occupation through the establishment of settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, ethnic cleansing of Palestinians, and the brutal siege of Gaza are tragic consequences of the occupation of Palestine and examples of the regime's violations of international law, including international humanitarian law.

The Zionist regime's intensification of measures in Judaizing the Holy Quds and changing its demographic and geographical context, as well as support for the Zionist extremists in violating Palestinian rights, comes at a time when the situation in this region has already become more dangerous due to mass settlements and forced displacement of non-Jews. The Zionist regime's approach is actually aimed at Judaizing and destroying Arab and Islamic monuments in Jerusalem as the first Qibla of Muslims, including the destruction of Yusufiyah Cemetery in Jerusalem and the repeated desecration of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, as well as controlling all Palestinian lands and denying return to their homeland. Such an approach demonstrates the regime's racist intentions in occupying Palestinian lands and disregarding their inalienable rights. The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that these measures will not only exacerbate the situation in the occupied territories, but also have far-reaching regional and international security implications.

Unfortunately, the international community has not taken decisive action to halt this catastrophe and restore the defenseless Palestinian people's lost rights. Due to the support of some permanent members of the Security Council, the Zionist regime is intensifying its inhumane practices against the Palestinians on a daily basis. This regime has also jeopardized peace and stability in the whole region by adopting aggressive measures and policies in the Middle East, especially the invasion of Syria and Lebanon.

The plight of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, who have been under siege for more than 14 years and are suffering from poor economic, health and educational conditions, particularly in the days following the Saif al-Quds War and the Israeli airstrikes on various parts of the Gaza Strip, as well as the unfavorable situation of more than 4,800 Palestinian prisoners and the illegal measures imposed on them require the attention and support of countries, international organizations for the oppressed and displaced Palestinian people.

While reiterating its unwavering support for the emancipatory aspirations of the oppressed people of Palestine, admiring their heroic and legitimate resistance to aggression and occupation, and condemning the recent atrocities against Palestinians, in particular the continuation of the Gaza siege, the Islamic Republic of Iran is of the opinion that the solution to the Palestinian question lies not in normalizing relations with this illegitimate regime, but in the decisive and urgent actions by the international community and Islamic countries to confront this regime's aggressive and anti-human rights policies, which violate the provisions of numerous UN resolutions.

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that only through resolving the Palestinian issue, ending the occupation of all Palestinian lands, granting Palestinians the right to self-determination, returning Palestinian refugees, and forming a unified Palestinian state with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, a just and lasting peace in the region will be established. In this regard, we attach great importance to the international community's responsibility, especially the United Nations, in ending the occupation of Palestine and assisting the Palestinian people in realizing their inalienable rights through a referendum based on democratic principles and international law as the most democratic and principled solution to the Palestinian crisis.