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**From the Qur'an**

By the sky full of constellations,

and the promised Day [of Judgment],

and the witness and what is witnessed!

Condemned are the makers of the ditch—

the fire [pit], filled with fuel—

when they sat around it,

watching what they had [ordered to be] done to the believers,

who they resented for no reason other than belief in Allah—the Almighty, the Praiseworthy—

[the One] to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and earth. And Allah is a Witness over all things.

Those who persecute the believing men and women and then do not repent will certainly suffer the punishment of Hell and the torment of burning.

(Al-Buruj: Verses 1 - 10)

**Hadith**

Narrated Ibn Abbas (رضي الله عنه):

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "There are two blessings that many people are deceived into losing: health and free time."

(Sahih al-Bukhari: Hadith No 6412)

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).

What individuals with open eyes and a mobile device observed 24/7 over a three-month period was the ongoing massacre in Gaza, where Israel is committing horrendous atrocities against Palestinians. This matter is now under scrutiny at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague, utilizing the Genocide Convention established by the United Nations in 1948. South Africa has brought this case to the highest court, presenting a comprehensive application supported by documented and indisputable evidence.

**The implications of this case are significant, involving:**

(i) The Palestinians' right to exist as a nation, pitted against a racially charged colonial state of Israel, supported by the influential United States, seeking their extermination.

(ii) The legitimacy of the ICJ in fulfilling its mandate and, consequently, the relevance, fairness, and standards of this institution. This is due to the fact that, under the definitions of the ICJ's Genocide Convention, the Palestinian people are considered a national group.

Article II of this Convention delineates specific acts constituting genocide, such as the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group by killing its members; imposing conditions leading to the physical destruction of the group; and forcible transfers. Israel's actions in Gaza, carried out in full public view, align with these definitions.

(iii) The legitimacy of those supporting and aiding Israel, thus being complicit in the alleged genocide by providing arms, bombs, and material aid to destroy the people of Gaza. These supporters claim to uphold a 'rules-based order,' labeling those outside this 'order' as barbarians and 'uncivilized.' They militarily intervene under the narrative of protecting universal (Western) values, democracy, and human rights.

**The causes at stake in this case include:**

(a) The existence of the Palestinian nation and its recognition.

(b) The question of whether an ongoing genocide witnessed by the public can be halted by a legitimate international legal entity, as opposed to the right of a sovereign state to engage in collective punishment, massacring its citizens, including women and children, as 'collateral damage.' This also involves targeting hospitals, medical professionals, journalists, writers, bombing residential buildings, and destroying public institutions at will.

(c) The dilemma of dealing with a state and its regime that officially declares intent to destroy a people, dehumanizes them, and orders military responses, yet justifies these actions as 'moral' and a 'right to self-defense.' The international community and its legal institutions must weigh in on the responsibility of every sovereign state to protect its citizens, treating all equally under the law and constitution while ensuring human rights, especially the right to life and bodily protection.

(d) The consideration of whether an occupying power, in retaliation and following an act of resistance, can issue orders for

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incessant, indiscriminate, disproportionate bombings; deny basic life necessities to a minority, such as water and adequate food; deny medical assistance and any aid; make conditions unlivable; force citizens from their homes into transit camps miles away. The question arises whether such a state can still declare itself a responsible democratic state with all international privileges, versus the responsibility of the ICJ to activate Article 41 of its Statute, ordering provisional measures to protect invoked rights from imminent and irreparable loss.

**The involved parties** in this case include South Africa as the principal petitioner, supported by Turkey, Malaysia, Jordan, Bolivia, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Maldives, Namibia, Pakistan, and various advocacy groups such as Physicians Against Nuclear War, the Asia Europe Peoples Forum, the Transnational Institute, Focus on the Global South, and the International Peace Bureau.

**On the other side**, defendants accused of genocide are Israel, and the United States, represented by spokesperson John Kirby, dismisses the South African submission as "meritless, counterproductive, and completely without basis." Many Western states remain silent or show support discreetly due to potential polarization and unrest in their societies.

**The case is rightly framed** as a struggle between freedom and colonialism, neo-colonialism, and imperialism; tolerance versus racism and white supremacy; oppression versus resistance; and morality versus duplicity, hierocracy, and double standards. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is seen as having a crucial role in addressing these issues.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, during his recent visit to Israel, strongly condemned South Africa's genocide case against Israel, describing it as "meritless" and a distraction from achieving lasting peace in Gaza. However, he acknowledged the high civilian toll, particularly among children, in Gaza.

The first hearing on January 11, 2024, focused on South Africa's application, describing Israel's military campaign as genocidal. The White House and Israel rejected the case, with Israel labeling it a "blood libel" and trying to spin the narrative by accusing South Africa of collaborating with a terrorist group (Hamas) seeking the destruction of Israel.

Israel launched a diplomatic counteroffensive against the case, rejecting it with disgust and portraying it as a baseless claim fueled by antisemitism. Global South countries, including Russia and China, are likely to support the case, given their criticism of Israel's large-scale bombardment in Gaza, where the death toll has surpassed 24,000, according to international media.

The African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa has historical ties to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), dating back to Nelson Mandela's leadership. Mandela, South Africa's first post-apartheid president, expressed strong support for the PLO and Yasser Arafat, emphasizing the shared struggle for self-determination. This sentiment persists in the South African government, resonating with many citizens who perceive parallels between their anti-colonial and anti-apartheid struggles and the Palestinian quest for self-determination.

On 10 January 2024, Palestinians in the West Bank gathered to express gratitude to South Africa for initiating a genocide case against Israel over the Gaza bombardment. The absence of a Muslim country initiating such a case was also noted by the masses, emphasizing the unique role South Africa has taken.

**Let's get one thing straight:** Palestinians have every right to resist an illegal occupation that has lasted for 75 years. The recent actions by Hamas are not acts of terrorism; they are acts of resistance. The resilience and unyielding spirit of the Palestinian people stand as a beacon of defiance against an apartheid state. This isn't just a struggle for land; it's a battle for faith, dignity, identity, and the right to exist. Al-Aqsa isn't merely a religious site; it's a symbol of Islam and Allah (SWT). Any attack on it is an attack on the very soul of the Muslim Ummah.

The Zionist attempts to desecrate this holy land have not gone unnoticed, and they will not go unanswered. The significance of Al-Aqsa transcends political boundaries; it's a religious imperative for Muslims to protect it. The escalating tensions around Al-Aqsa and the audacity of the Zionist regime should not be viewed in isolation.

While we can't claim definitively that we are living in the end times, the unfolding events make it increasingly difficult to dismiss such a notion. This isn't just a regional conflict, with Israel assassinating Hamas leaders in Lebanon and the US and UK carrying out airstrikes against Yemen; it's a litmus test for the soul of the Muslim Ummah.

It's high time we stop sitting on the fence and take a stand. The Palestinian struggle is our struggle, and the protection of Al-Aqsa is our duty. May Allah (SWT) aid the Muslims of Palestine, grant them steadfastness, and make them victorious over the Zionist occupiers.

*Ameen!*

**Signing off...**

**Raza ul Haq (Editor)**

## ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ reshapes the Middle East

### Operation launched by Palestinians in Israeli-occupied Gaza has broader strategic implications for Israel, US

Senator Mushahid Hussain

The October 7, 2023 Operation ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ launched by the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied Gaza has broader strategic implications for Israel and the US, whose hubris, supreme over-confidence and carefully laid-down plans for maintaining an iniquitous status quo now lie buried under the rubble in Gaza.

To counter the Iran-led ‘Axis of Resistance’, the US cobbled an ‘Axis of Repression’ to maintain the regional status quo, freezing disputes like Palestine and Kashmir to combat the ‘real enemy’, China. Washington was endeavouring to connect an Israel-centred Middle East with an India-focused ‘Indo-Pacific’, to supplement and support the American-led New Cold War against China. Essentially, India is replicating Israeli policies of repression in Occupied Kashmir, with American complicity, so US regional strategy would rest on ‘twin pillars’, Israel in the Middle East and India in South Asia.

Just a fortnight before the launch of the ‘Al Aqsa Storm’, three separate but related developments corroborated this policy. One, on 22 September, Netanyahu proudly unfolded the map of the ‘New Middle East’ at the United Nations General Assembly, where the Palestinians were conspicuously absent. Two, on 20 September, following the G-20 Summit in New Delhi, the India-Israel Middle East European Union Corridor (IMEC) was launched with much fanfare, touted as the West’s copycat response to China’s highly successful Belt & Road Initiative (BRI). Three, in May 2023, President Biden’s National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan personally took his Indian counterpart, Ajit Doval, to meet Saudi Arabia’s Prime Minister and Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman to “advance their shared vision of a more secure and prosperous Middle East region interconnected with India and the world”. And on October 2, Jake Sullivan wrote in the influential Foreign Affairs magazine that “the Middle East has never been so calm before as it is today.” Five days later, ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ shattered that calm! In fact, the Biden Administration is the first US Administration in 50 years that even dispensed with the fig-leaf of initiating a ‘peace process’ for the Middle East, being content with the Israeli-propped status quo of a coercive occupation.

**Six strategic consequences** of a reshaped Middle East have emerged from ‘Al Aqsa Storm’.

**First**, Israel and the United States were trying to ‘stage Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark’, in other words, build a ‘New Middle East’ minus Palestine: promote Israeli ties with Arab and Muslim countries bypassing the Palestinians, as if the Palestine issue is no longer relevant. That policy is now in tatters: no durable peace or stability is possible in the Middle East without an independent Palestinian State.

**Second**, a myth had been created about invincibility of the Israeli army and intelligence, that the Israeli Army and Mossad are the ‘best, brightest and strongest’ in the Middle East, and Israel is an impregnable fortress whose security can never be breached as it is supposedly foolproof. Some 1,400 determined Palestinian fighters blew up that myth through ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ on October 7.

**Third**, Israel presented itself as a safe haven, an ‘island of peace and tranquility in a sea of a turbulent, volatile and weak Muslim World’, the safest, the most secure place in the Middle East. Now they say they have suffered the biggest casualties since the Holocaust and almost a third of their latest, ‘5th Generation’ Merkava tanks have been destroyed!

**Fourth**, the ‘Axis of Resistance’ led by Iran has shown itself more resilient than the ‘Axis of Repression’, as the Iran-led troika of Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthis of Yemen, have tightened the tactical noose around shipping lanes, diplomacy and military strategy in the Middle East, and Tehran is now central to Middle East stability, with ingress in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen. Instead of the encirclement and containment of Iran, it is Israel that is now feeling encircled, thus the US desperate despatch of two aircraft carriers plus cobbling of an anti-Houthi coalition.

**Fifth**, ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ was apparently celebrated in Moscow as the ‘best birthday gift’ to President Putin as the Ukraine War is now relegated to the back-burner and now the US is suddenly facing a three-front situation: Ukraine, New Cold War in Asia-Pacific against China and the storm in the Middle East, an untenable strategic scenario for Washington policymakers. Another casualty of ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ is the probable defeat of Biden in the 2024 Presidential election, opening up the prospect of Trump’s return.

**Sixth**, ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ is giving birth to a clear, new global South-North divide. The Global South, spearheaded by China, with a supportive Russia, is presenting a strategic option, an alternative worldview, to the US-led Global North, whether it’s Gaza or Ukraine or BRI or the hegemony of the dollar. The global centre of gravity is shifting inexorably to the South, and the ‘Al Aqsa Storm’ has accentuated this divide, as evidenced in the voting at the United Nations.

Gaza is also the first televised genocide in history. Despite Israel’s brutal capacity to kill, the Palestinians are unwavering in their determination and willingness to resist and die for the cause of freedom. The Palestinians are winning by not losing. And Israel has also lost the ‘battle of narratives’.

It’s still time for the US and Israel to read the writing on the wall: stop the genocide, end the occupation and take steps to establish an independent Palestinian State. Jewish history is itself a living testimony on breaking the Nazi myth of the ‘Final Solution’. Washington should learn from its own mistakes and failures in recent history: after ousting the Afghan Taliban in 2001, it took 20 years and wasted \$2.2 trillion in Afghanistan before it negotiated with the same Afghan Taliban whom they once labelled ‘terrorists’, to facilitate their return to power. Representing Palestinian aspirations, Gaza’s symbol of defiance, Hamas, also labelled ‘terrorist’ by the West, is, at least, a democratically elected organisation which won a free election in Gaza in 2006, and accepting the legitimate right of Palestinians to determine their future in freedom is a small price for the US to pay for lasting peace, security and stability in the heart of the Muslim World.

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## Tanzeem-e-Islami's Perspective: Past, Present and Future of Relations Between Pakistan and Afghanistan

Pakistan is the sole country in world history founded on the basis of the *Deen (Islam)*, for the *Deen*, and with an objective to establish the *Deen*. Its stability and survival are only possible through Islam. Immediately after the creation of Pakistan, this very objective was unequivocally expressed in the Objectives Resolution. Pakistan's definitive destiny is Islam. The need of the hour is that the commitment and declaration which were announced be implemented without delay. Thus, the Islamic identity and values determined in the constitution should be put into practice and the respective laws enforced. It is a principle of nature that void always gets filled, no matter what. Thus, in the case that said ideology is not implemented on the constitutional level, the Muslims of Pakistan, and especially those who value the *Deen* and practice its teachings, will be forced to adopt different methods of exercising it, or they can be influenced into taking increasingly wrongful paths and strategies. In such a predicament, malicious forces will fully capitalize and undermine our national safety, security and foundations of our survival.

India, which has been an enemy of Pakistan since its inception, capitalized on a similar situation in 1971 when it fanned the flames of animosity based on language, ethnicity and geography in Bengal, and consequently we lost East Pakistan. However, we failed to learn any lesson from this historical event, and showed no commitment, nor deemed it important, to make progress towards practically implementing the ideology of Pakistan. This resulted in malicious forces such as India sowing seeds of hatred and prejudice in several regions including Balochistan. It also leveraged Afghanistan's soil for its wicked motives. Due to which, Pakistan's western border remained under constant threat, and Pakistan had to expend astronomical human and monetary resources and justifications in order to safeguard it. In the struggle against Russia's indirect meddling in Afghanistan, as well as the consequent direct occupation, Pakistan played an integral role in the resistance with the aid of the US, which enabled Pakistan to win the trust of the Afghans. Immediately after Russia's withdrawal, when Afghanistan fell into civil war, Pakistan continued fulfilling its role in the establishment of peace in Afghanistan by supporting the Tehreek-e-Taliban Afghanistan, which resulted in the Afghan Taliban forming government over 90% of Afghanistan's landmass. Alongside Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan also recognized this government, which secured Pakistan's western border for the first time in its history. Pakistan supported the Afghan Taliban government in spite of opposition from the Western world.

After the demise of the Soviet Union, the US set the Islamic world in its crosshairs and invaded Afghanistan after feigning a false flag 9/11. At this junction, the Pakistani leadership made several irrational decisions, and by opting to bear the burden of dissolving the Islamic government of the Afghan Taliban by aiding the US in its war against Afghanistan, Pakistan once again lost trust of the Afghans. Further making unreasonable decisions, Pakistan's leadership initiated military operations in the peaceful tribal regions of the country, all at the behest of the US. Furthermore, they not only defended American drone operations and aerial strikes within Pakistan's boundaries, but went so far as to claim them as their own. Under these conditions, the consequent splitting of the honorable and armed public of the tribal areas in the following three clusters was inevitable.

- 1) Devout religious and Sharia-compliant entities which were mostly engaged and active in supporting the *Jihad* of the Taliban of Afghanistan.
- 2) Those who rebelled against the Pakistani military owing to its nonaction against the malevolent global forces, and concomitant supporting of the US, in response to the destruction rampant in the region.
- 3) Lastly, those who played into the hands of American, Indian and Afghan agencies.

From the aforementioned, the second and third groups joined together to form the TTP, and caused unprecedented complications and chaos in the tribal regions with direct support from foreign agencies and hostile forces. As a result, not only the border, but even the cities of Pakistan saw an increase in terrorist activity and more than 80,000 lives were lost. In these dire circumstances, due to the Pakistani leadership's further inconsistent decisions and disingenuous policymaking, the impression of "uniform is behind terrorism" slowly gained traction. We strongly condemn and completely oppose the spreading of fear and strife through terrorism i.e., the commonplace killing of laymen. In Pakistan, perpetrators of terrorism, guilty through clear evidence, should face legal trial and strict lawful punishments.

Furthermore, we would advise that the issue of Afghan refugees be solved in light of the principles of Islamic brotherhood. Almost 40 years ago, when the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, Pakistan gave sanctuary to hundreds of thousands of refugees in this God-given state because of these very principles of Islamic brotherhood and fraternity. Today, the third generation of these refugees, who have lived in Pakistan for an extended period, dwell in this country.

Undoubtedly, a multitude of Afghans entered Pakistan illegally, and such illegal entry and stay is certainly a major failure on the part of our administrative machinery, therefore, in principle, we must now separate malicious entities after careful screening, while initiating the process of registration for the rest. It must not be unilaterally decided that all refugees must exit the country immediately and on such short notice; instead, we should negotiate with the Afghan government and make a decision after taking their leadership into confidence, so that on the one hand, our concerns may be curbed, while on the other, Afghanistan may adequately prepare for their accommodation.

In addition to this, we must also unbiasedly assess the reasons which landed Pakistan in its present predicament. There should also be investigation and identification of the reasons which caused the current division, dissent, discord and distrust. Practical measures must be taken in order to curb such hatred and animosity. In our opinion, this can only actually be eradicated if we return to our founding fundamentals.

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We are convinced of a methodology involving preaching, educating and peaceful resistance in order to render the Islamic clauses of the Constitution of Pakistan effective, and to implement them. Islam is that sole binding force which everyone can once again gravitate towards. Moving towards it can once more create an atmosphere of harmony and unity among us. Practical measures towards the establishment of Islam will give way to the establishment of justice, which would reignite hope in oppressed and irate groups of society. In the present situation, recognizing the Islamic government of Afghanistan, and resumption of all diplomatic and trade relations with them can also prove helpful in extinguishing this hostility. Moreover, resumption of relations with Afghanistan can also lead to the securing of our western border. India and the US share an unmistakably malevolent nexus, and a defensive pact with the Islamic government of Afghanistan is a need of the hour for effective countering of their joint conspiracies and nefarious designs against Pakistan. Pakistan's political and military leadership, as well as policymakers, should focus their attention to these matters.

An overwhelming majority of Pakistanis hold Islam in high regard and despise American slavery. Attaining riddance from de facto slavery of the US and exercising an independent foreign policy, promoting Islamic values in Pakistan, progressing towards the practical implementation of the Islamic Shariah and fulfilling the obligation of enjoining good and forbidding evil, especially purifying the economy from *Riba* and restructuring it according to Islamic teachings, eliminating lewdness and obscenity and banning mixed gatherings, taking practical steps towards making the media submit to Islamic values, all this would lead to regaining the majority's trust on the one hand, while also uprooting groups adopting violent and militant ideologies (TTP) by dismantling their existential foundations. Once the aforementioned is done, then, according to the rulings of scholars, armed insurrection against an Islamic state would indeed be proven *Haram*. Through a pragmatic approach towards identifying and owing up to the violation of rights of the public of tribal regions, and an announced, sincere and transparent procedure of compensation, the need of existence of the PTM can be disproven, and by progressing towards Islam, we can once again be capable of defense against foreign enemies and vanquish conspiracies as a disciplined and united Pakistani nation. *In Sha Allah!*

### Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

12 January 2024

#### Muslim countries should become party to the case of genocide against Israel in the ICJ.

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer stated that the brutal bombing of Gaza by Israel has been ongoing for more than three months, resulting in the martyrdom of approximately 24,000 Muslims, mostly children and women, according to the figures reported in the media. He added that the bombing by the Zionist forces continues on Gaza's schools, hospitals, and refugee camps. According to information, 70% of homes in Gaza have been destroyed, and 90% of the population is forced to live under the open sky in severe cold weather. Access to electricity, gas, oil, food, water, and life-saving medicines for more than two million people has been cut off, making life extremely difficult. The reality is that Israel, with the complete and unconditional support of the United States and Western countries, is committing the genocide of Palestinian Muslims. While praising the initiative to file a genocide case against Israel in the International Court of Justice from South Africa, the Ameer expressed disappointment in the fact that the 57 Muslim countries have covered from even becoming a party to this case of genocide in the International Court of justice against Israel, let alone uniting to take any practical action against Israeli atrocities in Gaza. He emphasized that one way to help the Muslims of Gaza is for Muslim countries not to create any hurdles in the way of the countries and jihadist groups that are targeting Israel and U.S. military and economic interests in the Middle East. The Ameer said that while Pakistan must increase its naval capabilities and presence in the Arabian Sea, but under no circumstances should Pakistan become part of American operations against the Houthis. The Ameer expressed profound concern about American airstrikes in Yemen, stating that Israel and the United States are sowing the seeds for expanding the war. Muslim rulers and establishments should remember that Israel is bent on destroying the peace of the whole world, and its next target will be other Muslim countries.

5 January 2024

#### Israel is bent on spreading the war and wreaking havoc in the entire world.

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer said that the martyrdom of seven leaders of Hamas, including the Deputy Chief Sheikh Saleh al-Arouri, in an Israeli drone attack in Beirut affirms the destructive agenda of the illegitimate Zionist state to spread war. The reality is that Zionist brutality is actively escalating and it is now taking practical steps towards the creation of Greater Israel with the full and unconditional support from the United States and Europe. Muslim nations must now decide whether they will continue to endure a useless life of humiliation or respond with determination to Israeli brutality and thuggery. Our civilian and military leaderships should comprehend the gravity of the current situation. America wants Pakistan and Afghanistan to be up in arms against each other so that the region of Khorasan could be prevented from coming into fruition, about which it has been prophesized in the Ahadith of the Holy Prophet (SAAW), that armies will go from Khorasan to strengthen the regime of Mahdi (RA) and establish the banner of Islam in *Elia* (Jerusalem), leading to the establishment of the Deen of Islam in the entire world. The Ameer asserted that we need to make Pakistan a true Islamic nuclear state. May Allah (SWT) guide the leaderships of Muslim countries on the right path. Ameen!