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### From the Qur'an

Righteousness is not (merely) that you turn your faces to the East and the West; but righteousness is that one believes in Allah and the Last Day and the angels and the Book and the Prophets, and gives wealth, despite (his) love for it, to relatives, and to orphans, the helpless, the wayfarer, and to those who ask, and (spends) in (freeing) slaves and observes the Salah (prayers) and pays Zakah – and (the act of) those who fulfill their covenant when they enter into a covenant, and, of course, those who are patient in hardship and suffering and when in battle! Those are the ones who are truthful, and those are the God-fearing.

(Al-Baqarah: Verse 177)

### Hadith

Al-Nawwas bin Sam'an (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

"Righteousness is good character, and sin is that which wavers in your heart and which you do not want people to know about."

(Sahih Muslim)

## { 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).

The decision of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the case of genocide against Israel by South Africa is extremely disappointing, to say the least. In its preliminary verdict given on 26 January 2024, the ICJ affirmed the validity of the case accusing Israel of committing genocide.

Furthermore, the court asserted its authority to adjudicate the matter. This legal proceeding was initiated by South Africa and convened on January 11. Unsurprisingly, Israel and its Western allies advocated for the dismissal of the case, asserting its lack of merit.

The key points outlined in the ICJ ruling are:

1. The court declared its jurisdiction to adjudicate the case.
2. Israel has been directed by the court to implement measures preventing potential acts of genocide in the Gaza Strip.
3. The court emphasized that Israel is obligated to curb and penalize any incitement to genocide.
4. Israel is instructed to facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip.
5. While the court mandates additional protective measures for Palestinians, it falls short of ordering an immediate cessation of military operations in the Strip.
6. Additionally, the court stipulated that Israel must provide a report within one month, demonstrating its compliance with the ruling.

The question is, nonetheless, unless there is a resolute call for an immediate cessation of military operations, Israel is poised to persist in genocidal actions, a pattern it has maintained since October 7. Consequently, the ICJ has for all intents and purposes granted Israel the 'right' to perpetrate genocidal activities for at least an additional month, which will certainly be extended by the Zionist entity indefinitely.

The question also arises that is it rational to advocate for the delivery of humanitarian aid and the prevention of innocent civilian deaths without calling for a ceasefire? Israel's Western allies, including the US, Canada, Britain, France, and Germany, have cautiously responded to the ruling, either tiptoeing around it or downplaying its significance. It is as clear as daylight that Israel is under the guise of 'self-defense', engaged in the genocide of vulnerable Palestinian civilians. Western officials, whether in the US, Canada, Britain, Germany, etc., cannot be oblivious to the horrific fact that Israel has killed more than 27,000 people, mostly children, women, and the elderly since October 7. Over 60,000 people have been seriously wounded and as many trapped under the rubble presumed dead. Bombing continues on schools, hospitals, and refugee camps in Gaza. 70% of homes have been destroyed, and a significant portion of Gaza's population is awaiting their fate under the open sky during severe winter weather. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), only 15 out of Gaza's 36 hospitals are partially operational, facing severe shortages of medicines. Israel is impeding the delivery of essential medicines to Gaza, leaving hospitals without anesthesia, forcing doctors to perform amputations on children without proper pain relief. The majority of Gaza's 2.3 million inhabitants are reportedly on the brink of starvation.

During the ongoing conflict in Gaza, amidst the violence perpetrated by Israel and the initial verdict by the ICJ,

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officials from the United States and Israel convened in Washington to deliberate on the progression of significant arms agreements. These accords entail the provision of numerous fighter jets, Apache helicopters, and munitions to bolster Israel's military capabilities. Notably, a prominent deal encompasses the acquisition of a novel squadron comprising 25 F-35 fighter jets, valued at approximately \$3 billion. Israel's Defense Ministry had initially declared its intention to procure the F-35s last summer, stipulating that they would be financed through aid provided by the United States. According to The Times report, the next procedural step involves formal approval from both governments, a process anticipated to unfold in the coming weeks. The actual delivery of the fighter jets and helicopters is expected to span several years.

The truth is that Israel and its supporters are following a pattern of genocide and ethnic cleansing in Palestine similar to that which was perpetrated against the native Americans, albeit with the crucial distinction that the world is witnessing these events in real-time. Presently, the unfolding genocide in Gaza is under the scrutiny of the entire world—or at least as much as the global audience can bear witness to. Courageous journalists, 106 of whom have sacrificed their lives in the past 84 days at the hands of the Zionists, and the power of social media present an unprecedented situation: a monstrous genocide unfolding in plain sight before the eyes of 7.8 billion people. To quote Ron Unz, "We are unquestionably observing the most extensive televised massacre of defenseless civilians in the history of the world, with no comparable precedent coming to mind." The appalling brutality of the Zionists' merciless conduct, coupled with the heart-wrenching plight of Palestinian victims, has become a firsthand experience for billions across the globe. We have witnessed 2000-pound bombs decimating heavily populated neighborhoods, including refugee camps labeled as "safe areas" by the Zionists. Over 90% of Gaza's population has been displaced due to Zionist bombings. The world has seen the execution of women and children refugees in a school at point-blank range by those perpetrating the Zionist genocide. Gazans are perishing from thirst, hunger, and lack of medical care as the Zionists systematically destroy essential infrastructure, blockade resources, and callously burn humanitarian aid shipments.

For those who doubt that Israel is engaged in a campaign of extermination against the people of Gaza, a simple check of statements by Israeli leaders would suffice. Netanyahu openly advocates Biblical vengeance, tantamount to genocide, by designating Palestinians as "Amalek," an enemy in the Torah marked for complete annihilation. An Israeli general has proclaimed that "Gaza will become a place where no human being can exist." Furthermore, a minister in the current regime has suggested the use of nuclear weapons on Gaza. Israeli schoolchildren are taught a chilling song promising the annihilation of everyone within a year.

What compounds the severity of this unfolding genocide is the concerted effort of the world's most influential powers, led by the U.S. regime and the media dominated by Zionists, to suppress, obscure, and hinder any action against the genocide. Current polls indicate that a majority of American young adults support the Palestinian resistance's call for the elimination of "Israel."

Equally infuriating to most of the world's nearly two billion Muslims is the inaction of their political leaders in the face of the Gaza genocide. A backlash is brewing, with sentiments on social media reflect widespread discontent. Institutions implicated in the Gaza genocide, starting with the U.S. regime and its western and Middle Eastern allies, are facing severe discrediting. A growing gap between the people, especially the younger generation, and their institutional leadership is evident.

The trajectory is evident: as existing institutions crumble, new ones will emerge. Following defeats in Iraq, Afghanistan, and potentially Ukraine, the once formidable U.S.-led western empire is losing its aura. In the aftermath of the Gaza genocide, the outraged Global South and Muslim East are boycotting American and Israeli products, pushing their governments towards alternative political alliances. The "Confucian-Islamic connection" highlighted by Huntington as a threat to western dominance has gained strength due to U.S. complicity in the Gaza genocide. The delegitimization of the U.S. empire is occurring most rapidly in the Muslim East. The Al-Qassam Brigades are emerging as the most popular entities. The shockwaves from the Gaza genocide have led to a unifying public stance against the U.S. across the globe.

The Zionist entity is destined to fail in its quest to "annihilate Hamas." When the current wave of genocidal destruction subsides, the idea of Islamic resistance to Zionism will be deeply ingrained in the Muslim Ummah. The central symbol of this resistance will be Masjid al-Aqsa, epitomizing the heroic al-Aqsa Storm operation. The profound impact of the Gaza genocide has not only solidified the idea of Islamic resistance to Zionism but has also made Masjid al-Aqsa the central icon of Islamic political identity. When the current wave of destruction subsides, the legacy of Islamic resistance and the symbol of Masjid al-Aqsa will guide the emergence of a more just world order, signaling the decline of the pathologically mendacious, genocidal Zionist West.

*Ameen!*

**Signing off...**

**Raza ul Haq (Editor)**

## World reacts to ICJ interim ruling in Gaza genocide case against Israel

### Ruling on South Africa's requests, top UN court orders Israel to take all measures to prevent acts of genocide but does not call for ceasefire.

#### Here Are Some Global Reactions

##### **Palestine**

Palestine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates welcomed the ruling, saying it is an "important reminder" that no state is above the law. Foreign Minister Riyadh Maliki noted that Israel failed to persuade the court that it was not violating the 1948 Genocide Convention. "The ICJ judges saw through Israel's politicisation, deflection, and outright lies. They assessed the facts and the law and ordered provisional measures that recognised the gravity of the situation on the ground and the veracity of South Africa's application," he said. "Palestine calls on all states to ensure respect for the order of the International Court of Justice, including by Israel."

##### **Israel**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu slammed the ruling as "outrageous". In a video message shortly after the court order, he said Israel is fighting a "just war like no other", adding that it will continue to defend itself and its citizens while adhering to international law. Far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir mocked the ICJ, writing on X: "Hague shmague".

##### **South Africa**

The South African government called the ruling a "decisive victory" for international law and said it hoped Israel would not act to frustrate the application of the court's orders. The ruling marked a significant milestone in the search for justice for the Palestinian people, the government said, adding that South Africa will continue to act within global institutions to protect the rights of the Palestinians in Gaza. Outside the ICJ headquarters in The Hague, Naledi Pandor, South Africa's minister of international relations, told reporters that Israel will have to halt fighting in Gaza if it wants to adhere to the court's orders. "How do you provide aid and water without a ceasefire," Pandor asked. "If you read the order, by implication, a ceasefire must happen."

##### **Hamas**

Hamas hailed the court's "important" ruling, saying it "contributes to isolating Israel". "The [International] Court of Justice's decision is an important development which contributes to isolating Israel and exposing its crimes in Gaza," it said in a statement.

##### **United States**

The US said the ICJ ruling was consistent with Washington's view that Israel has the right to take action, in accordance with international law, to ensure the October 7 attack cannot be repeated. "We continue to believe that allegations of genocide are unfounded and note the court did not make a finding about genocide or call for a ceasefire in its ruling and that it called for the unconditional, immediate release of all hostages being held by Hamas," a State Department spokesperson said.

##### **Palestinians in Gaza**

Palestinians in Gaza said they were devastated by the court's decision not to order Israel to cease its near-four-month bombardment and ground invasion of the enclave. Ahmed al-Naffar, 54, who was intently following the court's announcement in central Gaza's Deir el-Balah, told Al Jazeera: "Although I don't trust the international community, I had a small glimmer of hope that the court would rule on a ceasefire in Gaza," later adding that "the court is a failure". Displaced Palestinian Mohammad al-Minawi, 45, shared a similar view. "I am not optimistic ... Unfortunately, no one can stop Israel," he told Al Jazeera.

##### **Palestinians in the occupied West Bank**

Lubna Farhat, a member of the Ramallah city council, told Al Jazeera she was somewhat disappointed by the decision but acknowledged it was a historic moment. "We are very grateful and thankful for South Africa for filing this case, but what Palestinians aspired for was an immediate ceasefire," Farhat said, adding that it was disheartening that the court did not call for an end to Israel's military operations so humanitarian aid could be allowed into Gaza. She said the ruling would only "escalate" settler attacks in the occupied West Bank and increase the attackers' sense of impunity.

##### **Qatar**

Welcoming the interim ruling, Qatar said Israel must adopt all measures to stop committing acts under the Genocide Convention in its war against Gaza. It said in a statement that Qatar considers the ruling a humanitarian win and a victory for the rule of law and international justice.

##### **Egypt**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Egypt was looking forward to the ICJ "demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, as the court ruled in similar cases", stressing the need to respect and implement the court's decisions.

##### **Turkey**

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan welcomed the ruling, saying he hoped it would halt attacks against civilians. "We hope that Israel's attacks against women, children and the elderly will come to an end," Erdogan said, and called the ruling "valuable".

##### **Pakistan**

In a press release the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) said, "Pakistan welcomes the provisional measures ordered today by the International Court of Justice (ICJ), whereby the Court has concluded that, prima facie, it has the jurisdiction to entertain the case against Israel and that South Africa's claims of genocide are "plausible". The ICJ has ordered Israel to urgently undertake a series of measures in relation to Palestinians in Gaza to prevent the commission of acts prohibited by the Genocide Convention including: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

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deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group. The Court has also ordered Israel to take immediate and effective measures to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to address the adverse conditions of life faced by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The implementation of these provisional measures requires an immediate and unconditional ceasefire to bring about an end to the suffering faced by the people of Gaza. Since 7 October 2023, Israel has engaged in military aggression and criminal actions against the Palestinian people. We consider the ICJ's ruling timely and a significant milestone in the pursuit of justice for the Palestinian people and international accountability of Israel. Pakistan calls for the full and effective implementation of the ICJ's decision so that basic human rights, dignity and identity of Palestinian people as a distinct group are upheld and protected, as stipulated by the UN Charter, relevant UN resolutions, and international law. Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering support to the Palestinian people in their just and legitimate struggle for the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination. With a similar spirit, Pakistan has supported the application filed by South Africa before the ICJ against Israel under the 1948 Genocide Convention, in follow up to which the Court today announced the provisional measures."

### **Iran**

Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian called for Israeli authorities to be "brought to justice" after the ruling, according to Iranian state media reports. Amirabdollahian also congratulated South Africa and the Palestinian people on the "success" at the ICJ. "Today, the officials of the fake Israeli regime are the most hated people in the world's public opinion who must be brought to justice immediately for committing genocide and unprecedented war crimes against Palestinians," he wrote on X. "I must emphasise that the White House's all-around support for the crimes of the Zionists will also never be forgotten and is considered and followed up by public opinion," Amirabdollahian added.

### **Saudi Arabia**

Saudi Arabia expressed approval for the emergency measures recommended by the ICJ. A statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the kingdom reiterated "its categorical rejection of the Israeli occupation's practices and violations of the United Nations Convention on genocide".

### **United Kingdom**

A spokesperson for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said while the government respects "the role and independence of the ICJ", it has "considerable concerns about this case, which is not helpful in the goal of achieving a sustainable ceasefire". "Israel has the right to defend itself against Hamas", the spokesperson told Al Jazeera, adding that "our view is that Israel's actions in Gaza cannot be described as a genocide, which is why we thought South Africa's decision to bring the case was wrong and provocative". The UK welcomed the court's call for the immediate release of captives and the need to get more aid into Gaza. "We are clear that an immediate pause is necessary to get aid in and hostages out, and then we want to build towards a sustainable, permanent ceasefire, without a return to the fighting."

### **Malaysia**

"Malaysia has been vindicated in her call for Israel to be held accountable for the atrocities, crimes against humanity, and genocide committed on the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, following the landmark ruling by the International Court of Justice 26 January 2024," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement. Malaysia said it looked forward to the upcoming proceedings in the case and reiterated its calls for Palestine to be admitted as a full member of the UN and recognised as a state based on the pre-1967 borders.

### **Canada**

Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said in a statement: "Our support for the ICJ does not mean that we accept the premise of the case brought by South Africa. It is for the ICJ to make a final decision on the case, which it has not done today." "Canada will continue to support Israel's right to exist and defend itself, in accordance with international law," Joly said. "Canada continues to support urgent international efforts towards a sustainable ceasefire. This cannot be one-sided. Hamas must release all hostages, stop using Palestinian civilians as human shields, and lay down its arms," she said. Diana Buttu, a Palestinian-Canadian lawyer and former spokesperson for the Palestine Liberation Organization, slammed Canada's response, posting on social media: "Awful statement by Canada re ICJ. Included in it are racist Israeli talking points [re: 'human shields'] with the added touch of demanding more humanitarian supplies. Disgusting."

### **Spain**

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez called on the parties to implement the interim measures the court decreed. "We will continue to advocate for peace and an end to the war, the release of hostages, access to humanitarian aid and the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, so that both nations can coexist in peace and security," Sanchez said in a post on X. Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation said: "Once again, Spain reiterates its call for an immediate ceasefire, the unconditional release of the hostages, immediate and regular humanitarian access and the need to move towards establishing the two-state solution."

### **Ireland**

Micheal Martin, the Irish minister for foreign affairs, welcomed the court's orders, which he said were "final and binding". He added that Ireland expects Israel to implement the court's orders "in good faith and as a matter of urgency". "Bringing about an end to this conflict and to the death and destruction in Gaza is a priority that must be pursued on all fronts – political, diplomatic, humanitarian and legal," he added in a statement.

### **Scotland**

Scottish First Minister Humza Yousaf said in a post on X that the ICJ order is "clear". "The killing and destruction in Gaza must stop. Urgent humanitarian assistance must be provided to prevent more suffering. Hostages must be released immediately," he said. "With such death and destruction, we will continue to call for an immediate ceasefire."

### Germany

It called on Israel to comply with the court's ruling and allow immediate delivery of humanitarian assistance to Palestinians. Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock refrained from openly criticising Israel's military offensive but underlined that it must obey its international obligations. "The International Court of Justice did not rule on the merits of the case but ordered provisional measures in interim proceedings. These are binding under international law. Nevertheless, Israel must also comply with them," Baerbock said.

### France

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs said it is deeply committed to respecting international law, and reaffirmed its confidence in and support for the ICJ.

### European Union (EU)

"Orders of the International Court of Justice are binding on the parties and they must comply with them. The European Union expects their full, immediate and effective implementation," the European Commission said in a statement.

### European Parliament political parties

Lawmakers from The Left in the European Parliament party called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. They noted that while the court has ordered Israel to "take all measures within its power" to prevent and punish acts of genocide in Gaza, complying with the order "means an unconditional, immediate and permanent ceasefire now". The European Parliament's Socialists and Democrats Group pledged "full support to the role and work of the ICJ and primacy of the UN Charter and International Law". In a post on X, the group's president, Iratxe Garcia Perez, said it is "now crucial that Israel fully complies with the interim ruling, implements without delay necessary measures regarding the Genocide Convention and the Gaza humanitarian situation and all hostages are released by Hamas".

### Amnesty International

It said the ruling was important and "Israel must comply with key ICJ ruling ordering it do all in its power to prevent genocide against Palestinians in Gaza". "Today's decision is an authoritative reminder of the crucial role of international law in preventing genocide and protecting all victims of atrocity crimes. It sends a clear message that the world will not stand by in silence as Israel pursues a ruthless military campaign to decimate the population of the Gaza Strip and unleash death, horror and suffering against Palestinians on an unprecedented scale," Agnes Callamard, secretary-general of the rights group, said.

### Human Rights Watch

Balkees Jarrah, associate international justice director at HRW, described the ruling as a "landmark decision that puts Israel and its allies on notice that immediate action is needed to prevent genocide and further atrocities" against the people of Gaza. "Lives hang in the balance, and governments need to urgently use their leverage to ensure that the order is enforced. The scale and gravity of civilian suffering in Gaza driven by Israeli war crimes demands nothing less," Jarrah said. She noted that the court's "clear and binding orders raise the stakes for Israel's allies to back up their stated commitment to a global rules-based order by helping ensure compliance with this watershed ruling". Kenneth Roth, HRW's former executive director, said in a post on X that it was "noteworthy" that even the Israeli judge, Aharon Barak, joined the court "on the points of preventing and punishing incitement to genocidal acts and allowing enough humanitarian aid to stop severe deprivation".

Courtesy: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/1/26/world-reacts-to-icj-ruling-on-south-africas-genocide-case-against-israel>

## Press Release issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

19 January 2024

### The confrontation between two Muslim countries is a success for our enemies.

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer stated that Iran violated Pakistan's airspace and launched a missile on the district of Panjgur in Balochistan, resulting in the martyrdom of a woman and two innocent children. In reality, this is an act of state-sponsored terrorism against Pakistan. The people of Pakistan never expected such an extreme step from their neighboring Muslim country, and it is a shocking and tragic incident. Pakistan was forced to take retaliatory action, targeting the terrorist hideouts of BLA (Balochistan Liberation Army) and BNA (Balochistan National Army) along the border. The fact is, if the tension between both countries increases, it will only benefit the United States, Israel, and India. Moreover, the Pak-Iran conflict could prove extremely dangerous for the entire region. The Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami impressed upon the governments of both countries to take concrete steps to reduce the tension. He said that Allah (SWT) Almighty has clearly commanded in His (SWT) final and ultimate Book that Muslims are brothers to each other, and when there is a conflict between two Muslim brothers, other Muslims should mediate between them for reconciliation. It is a matter of great shame that the offer for mediation between Pakistan and Iran has not come from any Muslim country other than Türkiye. Nevertheless, both countries now need to demonstrate patience. Established channels for diplomatic relations should be immediately restored. The issue of hideouts of terrorists across both borders should be resolved through negotiations and joint operations. Misunderstandings and concerns between the two countries regarding the situation in the Middle East should be dispelled. The reality is that one of the fundamental reasons for the disgrace and ignominy of Muslim countries today is that they are awfully divided, while their enemies are united in the form of a single entity giving a reflection of 'Al-Kufru Millatun Wahida'. He concluded by emphasizing that it is imperative for Muslim countries to bury the hatchet and become united as a single body, so that the nefarious designs of the malevolent forces who are the enemies of Islam could be defeated.



## Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

27 January 2024

### The decision of the International Court of Justice in the case of genocide against Israel by South Africa is extremely disappointing.

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. Despite undeniable evidence of ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in Gaza, Israel has not been compelled to cease its monstrous aggression. The truth is that the global print, electronic and social media bear witness to the continuous mass killings of Palestinian Muslims. The Zionist army has wreaked havoc in Gaza for the past three and a half months. According to reported figures, more than 27,000 people have been martyred, mostly children, women, and the elderly. Over 60,000 people have been seriously wounded and as many trapped under the rubble presumed dead. Bombing continues on schools, hospitals, and refugee camps in Gaza. 70% of homes have been destroyed, and a significant portion of Gaza's population is awaiting their fate under the open sky during severe winter weather. The ICJ decision states that the World Court is the authorized forum to hear the case, and the majority of judges agree with the evidence presented by South Africa. It has also been said, in reference to the evidence presented against Israel by South Africa, that some of the evidence aligns with the definition of genocide under international law. However, despite all this, no practical measures have been ordered to stop Israel's brutality in the decision. The truth is that the decision has callously massacred justice. Nevertheless, South Africa has done its part and Israel has been completely unmasked as a terrorist state on the international stage, at least in the court of public opinion. Now, it is the duty of the leaders of Muslim countries to take practical measures against Israel, as a religious duty. They should not forget that if, the tragedy of the fall of Gaza occurs, Muslim countries will be the next target of Israel. They must also remember that they will be held accountable before Allah (SWT) for their deeds or lack thereof on the Day of Judgment. May Allah (SWT) protect the oppressed Palestinian Muslims and grant guidance to the leaders of Muslim nations on the straight path. Ameen!

26 January 2024

### Repeated closing of the Torkham border will also harm Pakistan.

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer said that repeated closure of the Torkham border is negatively affecting the bilateral trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Additionally, he pointed out that Pakistan's economic relations with the Central Asian countries are also being adversely impacted. The closure of the border is also causing economic losses to Afghanistan. It is imperative for both countries to establish a permanent policy for facilitating the legal procedures of crossing borders, so that trade and business activities can continue smoothly. He emphasized that both countries cannot afford policies based on bitterness. He urged both nations to avoid making inappropriate and undiplomatic statements against each other. While expressing shock and dismay on the statement of the top military leadership that the life of a Pakistani is more important than the whole of Afghanistan, the Ameer stated that such a statement contradicts our religious teachings regarding relations with a Muslim country. He called for fraternity and neighborliness, suggesting that relationships should be built on mutual respect, and any kind of bitterness should be avoided. All conflicts should be resolved through negotiations. The government of Afghanistan should take action against terrorist groups involved in cross-border terrorism on Pakistani soil. The Ameer said that certain events indicate the involvement of a global power in creating tension between the two countries. To counter the nefarious designs of anti-Islamic forces, it is essential to make their plots unsuccessful and strengthen relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan based on Islamic brotherhood. The Ameer concluded by asserting that considering the current volatile situation in the Middle East, it is imperative for both countries to enhance mutual cooperation to defeat the intrigues of anti-Islamic forces.

24 January 2024

### The construction of a temple at the demolished Babri Masjid's site will drive a wedge into the foundations of India itself.

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer stated that during the time of India's independence, the majority Hindu party, the Congress, openly declared that India should not be divided on religious grounds and there should be no interference of religion in state affairs. It seemed as if India's Hindus were fully embracing a secular mindset. Even after the partition of India, it continued to present itself to the world as a proponent and promoter of secularism. However, since 2014, the Modi government of the BJP has deviated from these principles and initiated the process of transforming India into a fascist Hindutva state. During this period, life for minorities, especially Muslims, in India has become increasingly difficult, with a clear message that India belongs only to Hindus. On January 22, 2024, the Modi government inaugurated a temple in place of the Babri Masjid, apparently completing the task of transforming India into his version of Hindutva. The truth is that while the temporary euphoria of Hindus in India may be noticeable, a deviation from the foundations of secularism will eventually lead to India's extinction. The Ameer said that it is ironic that Pakistan had distanced itself from its ideological foundation of Islam and is now facing threats to its very survival. India, by deviating from secularism, is also posing a significant question mark on its own existence, given the large number of minorities in the country. The time may not be far when these minorities gain the capability to strike back within India.