

Editorial

Operation

Al-Aqsa Storm

In response to the continuous attacks of the Zionists against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the holy places of Muslims in the occupied territories, Palestinian resistance fighters launched an all-round and complex operation (Operation Al-Aqsa Storm) - early Saturday, October 7 - against the positions of the Zionist regime in the occupied territories from the air, land and sea and within 20 minutes, five thousand rockets and missiles were fired at Zionist positions in the occupied territories, and resistance drones also targeted several Zionist military positions. This operation, which had been an unprecedented one during the 75 years of occupation of Palestine, shocked the Israelis.

Following the missile and drone attacks, the Hamas resistance forces entered the occupied territories and began a hand-to-hand fight against the Zionist forces and according to the latest reports so far more than 1,000 Zionists have been killed and many more injured. The resistance forces have also taken more than 100 captives, including several senior Zionist officials and military commanders.





There is no doubt that this move by the Palestinian resistance forces against Israel was in defense of their undeniable rights that are being continuously violated. It is also a logical reaction to the repeated crimes of the Zionists in the past several weeks and that is the reason it is being supported by the freedom-loving people of the world, especially the Islamic world.

With the escalation of casualties of the Zionist regime and its inability to face the resistance forces on the battlefield, this desperate regime has increased its crimes by targeting defenseless people and civilian centers in Gaza. This is in spite of the fact that according to the Geneva Conventions approved in 1949 and their additional protocols approved in 1977, civilians and all those who do not participate in the war should not be attacked under any circumstances and should be supported by governments and international organizations, including the United Nations Security Council. In fact, according to international standards, war and bombardment of civilians and defenseless people are two different issues, because while the conflict in the field and the front is called "war", the attack on innocent people is considered "crime". Thus, the United Nations Security Council and international organizations are obliged to distinguish between war and crime and to prevent violations of international regulations by condemning the crime; something that has been and is being repeatedly ignored with regard to Israel's crimes against the innocent people of Palestine.

Referring to the current developments in occupied Palestine and the attack by the Palestinian resistance groups against the Zionist occupiers, Nasser Kanaani, the Spokesman of Iran's Ministry of For-

eign Affairs said that "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm" was a spontaneous move by the resistance groups and the oppressed Palestinian people in defense of their inalienable and undeniable rights.

While, as usual, American and Western European leaders have condemned Operation Al-Aqsa Storm and expressed their support of the Zionist regime, some Muslim leaders have responded differently to it. For instance, The Al-Azhar al-Sharif Mosque issued a statement saying that "it stands fast with full support to the free people of Palestine, who have come to revive our self-confidence, life-line, and a long-lost sense of aliveness". It also criticized the global approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying the international community "adopts nothing but double standards when it comes to the Palestinian cause".

President Raisi of Iran described the proud Operation Al-Aqsa Flood as a great security, military, and intelligence scandal for the Zionist Regime and stated, "This victorious operation and the unity and cohesion observed among the resistance forces promises greater victories and proves that victory over the declining Zionist enemy is attainable.

A member of the Political Council of the Lebanese Hezbollah hailed the Palestinian forces' recent military operation against Israel as a monumental milestone and added that a new chapter, a qualitative leap, a military upheaval, and a change in the struggle against the oppressions of the Zionists is being witnessed.

Meanwhile, many Muslims around the world have celebrated the success of Operation Al-Aqsa Storm and prayed for the oppressed people of Palestine.

Finally, the incident proves that the oppressed people of the world are no longer going to tolerate the atrocities inflicted on them.