

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

Declaration by scholars of the Ummah

on what the Muslims and their rulers must do in support of the people of Palestine  
and Gaza

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of all worlds. There is no aggression except against oppressors. May prayers and peace be upon the honorable messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, and upon all his family and companions.

The Almighty Allah says: ‘And fight against the polytheists collectively, just as they fight against you collectively. And know that Allah is with the righteous.’

This declaration is signed by scholars from Muslim countries, who, in their various capacities (in person, or capacities, in councils, scholarly bodies, and fatwa houses) urge Muslims worldwide to support the people of Palestine and lift the siege on Gaza, where the population has been suffering for months of extermination.

**First: Duty of the Rulers:**

In light of the prolonged siege imposed by the Zionist enemy and its allies, led by America, on the people of Gaza—denying them food, medicine, water, and basic necessities, with the intention of exposing them to death—the signatories of this Declaration assert that all the harm inflicted on the people of Gaza, in terms of lives and property due to the siege, squarely rests on the shoulders of Arab and Muslim rulers. They are, indeed, accomplices in this. When they face Allah, they will be held accountable for their complicity unless they demonstrate righteous anger for the sake of Allah, His Messenger, and their fellow Muslims. The actions they can take like those taken when their rule subjected to attack that include strong condemnation, threats to sever relations, summoning ambassadors, and reviewing economic and international agreements etc.

If the rulers fail to take these necessary steps against the Zionist enemy and its supporters—which is the minimum expected of them—they become complicit in the killing of innocents in Gaza and Palestine. This aligns with the authentic saying of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: “There are three to whom Allah will not speak on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He purify them. He will not look at them, and they will have a painful punishment. Among them is a man on the side of the road who has excess water, but he prevents the thirsty traveler from using it.” [Narrated by Muslim: 108]

Judge Ayyad, in *Ikmal al-Muallem*, further explained this accountability: “Because he deprived him of his right...and exposed him to harm, he is akin to his killer.”

### **Second: Duty of Scholars**

Scholars, wherever they are in the land of Islam, have an obligation to fulfill the covenant given to them by Allah in His saying; “You will make it clear to the people and do not conceal it’. They must avoid concealment. against which Allah has intimidated by His saying; “Those who conceal what We have revealed of the proofs and guidance after making it clear to the people in the Book, those are the ones whom Allah curses, and cursed by others”

In these critical times, scholars must not fear blame from critics when conveying the message and calling for jihad. The jihad should aim to liberate the Holy Land in Palestine, using both lives and resources. Scholars should also encourage Muslims to boycott products from companies that support the enemy. These should be the themes of their lessons, statements, and scholarly assemblies. Indeed, this is in compliance with the words of Allah: “And exhort the believers. Perhaps Allah will restrain the cruelty of those who disbelieve, and Allah is severe in punishment and severe in wrath.”

### **Third: Obligations of Wealthy Individuals and Businesses**

Jihad requires significant financial resources for equipment, weapons, and other expenses. Those who sacrifice their lives in Palestine fulfill a duty incumbent upon all Muslims. if an individual cannot personally engage in physical jihad, the duty to support it financially remains. No amount of money can truly compare to the sacrifice of one’s life. However, for those able to contribute financially, Allah rewards them as if they were mujahideen. As the Prophet, may Allah’s prayers and peace be upon him, said: “Whoever prepares a fighter for the sake of Allah has fought.” [Narrated by Muslim: 1895]

### **Fourth: Duty of Media Professionals**

Media professionals must wield their pens and platforms across channels, pages, and social websites to rally support for the mujahideen in Gaza and Palestine. Victory through words is a form of jihad that Almighty Allah has commanded in the Qur’an. As Allah says in the Qur’an: “And strive against them with the Qur’an a great struggle.” The Almighty also said; “O’ Prophet incite the believers to fight” He, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said: (Strive the polytheists with your wealth, your souls, and your tongues) [Al-Mustadrak: 2427]

## **Fifth: The Duty of Muslims in general regarding Palestine**

Palestine is not exclusive to its people; rather, it concerns every Muslim. Each Muslim will be asked: “What did you do to defend the mission of your Prophet and liberate it from the Jews and Crusaders?” Therefore, it is the duty of all Muslims—whether Arab or non-Arab—to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people with everything at their disposal, including boycott of companies supporting the Zionist Entity. Muslims should refrain from purchasing products from companies that support the Zionist entity. This includes goods and merchandise including essential goods for daily life, particularly so in terms of luxuries items, and those that there are alternatives.

Every dollar spent on such companies that support the Zionists, is tantamount to a bullet that kills a Muslim, making those paying such dollar accomplices to the enemy in killing Muslims.

Muslims must also participate in large-scale demonstrations in public squares and in front of embassies of countries supporting Zionist entity, to protest against their support for the Zionists with both money and weapons, as well as supporting them at international forums to invalidate any conviction or penalty against them.

All such actions - demonstrations and boycotting of companies supporting the enemy- is part of jihad for which great reward is granted, since it harms the enemy. The Almighty said: “Whenever they do inflict harm on the enemy, it is recorded for them as a good deed. Indeed, Allah does not waste the reward of the doers of good.”

May Allah bless and grant peace to our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and his companions.

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