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At the onset I would like to congratulate the heroic operation of Al-Aqsa storm to all the freedom fighters of the world, and express my condolences to the oppressed Palestinian nation, the martyrdom of about ten thousand innocent men, women and children, to the Palestinian nation, the families of the martyrs, members of the Islamic community, and the free people of the world. The government and people of Pakistan, like other Muslim nations and freedom-loving people of the world, have condemned the joint crime of Israel and the United States against Gaza. The purpose of this article is to answer some basic questions due to the frequent questions of people, first why and how was the Zionist regime formed? What was the role of America and the West in its creation? Why the many times struggles and wars of Arab countries and Palestinian fighters, despite all the sacrifices, could not achieve the desired result in the first three decades after the formation of this germ of corruption? What are the characteristics of the strategy of the Islamic Republic to deal with this regime? Why and how were the Palestinian Islamists able to reverse the equation in their favor and against this regime and its supporters without having government facilities at their disposal?

The process of conflict between the West and the Islamic world

Contrary to what some people look at this regime very simplistically and under the influence of Western propaganda, they think that some Jews who were expelled from Europe came to this region and there have been clashes between them and the main

inhabitants of this land, the Palestinians, over this land. The formation of this regime in this region is a calculated conspiracy and design by the West, i.e. Jews and Christians, against Islam and Muslims, some of its reasons and contexts are listed below:

The history of relations between the West and the Islamic world started with a war. The first war between Muslims and Europeans dates back to the Umayyad period. With the attack of Abdul Dehamn bin Muawiyah bin Hisham on Spain, this conflict was started and continued until 300 Hijra year. The crusades that took place during three epochs from 1096 - 1099; 1147-1149 and 1271-1272 between Christians and Muslims and the occupation of Bait al-Maqdis (Jerusalem) by the West left a deep impact on Muslims, in the result of the Crusades Westerners and Muslims came to aware about the civilization and culture each other and the interactions between the two sides have continued uninterrupted until today. However, despite the scientific and technological superiority of the West, this trend has generally continued with the exploitation of the internal weakness of the Islamic world by the West in its benefit and against the interests of Muslims. With the passage of time, the Western involvement in Islamic societies increased. Napoleon Bonaparte's attacked Egypt in 1798 in order to cut off the communication route of Britain to its most important colony in the Indian subcontinent. The occupation of Tunisia in 1881 by France and the occupation of Egypt in 1882, by the British, created the circumstances in which Islamic countries resorted to one and the other European power to save themselves from this or that western country.

The collapse of the Ottoman Caliphate (empire): In a major step, the West played a role by designing a plot to the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in the territories occupied by this empire, finally,

with the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, their goals were realized and this plot was implemented. Without making any judgment about the Ottomans; Western countries, exploiting Arab nationalism and the promise of forming independent national governments, were able to defeat the Ottomans and realize their dream. However, during this war, the Allies had many negotiations over the distribution of war spoils and Ottoman possessions.

These negotiations provided the basis for concluding international agreements. In 1916, the Sykes-Picot Agreement was concluded between Britain, France, and Russia, and they divided the Middle East among themselves. In this situation, the conquering countries, divided the Ottoman lands in Europe and West Asia between them in 1918 treaty of Versailles, 1920 Warsaw Treaty and 1923 Lausanne Treaty. They apparently recognized the independence of the Ottoman lands and for the other lands they recognized the title of independence while maintaining their governorship and influence. Therefore, in 1924, the Ottoman Empire officially collapsed.

After the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, not only did the West's enmity with Islam not end, but, with the oil and gas resources in West Asia discovered after the Second World War, their enmity their enmity towards the Islamic world further deepened and with the creation of the Zionist regime and structural differences in the newly established countries, the foundation of permanent conflict in this region was laid. So the West's hostility towards Islam is rooted in the geopolitical issues of the Islamic world. The Islamic world now includes 57 countries. Approximately a quarter of the world's population; about 1.8 billion people, consists of Muslims, which is one of the world's demographic poles and the second largest population in terms of religion after Christianity.

About 53% of the Muslim world population is in Asia, 24% in Africa, and the remaining 23% is scattered in other continents. The Muslims of Southeast Asia, the Persian Gulf and North Africa have three strategic poles of the world in their control. These three regions have strategic and important international canals and waterways. The strategic straits and sea routes of the Islamic world, such as the Strait of Malaga between Malaysia and Indonesia, the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf, Bab al-Mandeb and the Suez Canal in Northeast Asia and the Horn of Africa, as well as the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus in Turkey, should be considered as the great geopolitical capabilities of the Islamic world. In terms of geo-economics, most of the world's oil requirements are supplied from the Islamic world, especially the Persian Gulf region. The Persian Gulf alone contains 55% of the known oil reserves and 40% of the known gas reserves of the world, and in terms of the volume of energy reserves, it cannot be compared with any other region in the world. The Islamic world is a land with a diverse mix of human and natural resources and the important, geopolitical, geostrategic and geo-economics capabilities have many potential capabilities to become an important power in the field of the global geopolitical system. But this importance will be achieved if the ground for convergence, synergy and cooperation between the Islamic states is provided. Therefore, after the First World War, the hostility of the West with the Islamic world did not decrease, but it changed from one form to another, and at this stage with the support of the governments - Seemingly independent and so-called national nations and by drawing highly controversial geographical borders and dividing these territories based on their interests, they designed the structural basis of conflict in the Islamic world, that is why the majority of Muslims are against the presence of the West in this region, although, the rulers have taken a different approach in interacting with the West.

The formation of the Zionist regime

With the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, a deeper wound was inflicted on the body of the Islamic and Arab world. The order in which the British occupied the land of Palestine in 1917-1918 and four years later took it under their guardianship and with an deceptive plan encouraged the Zionists to buy lands from the Muslims and then, according to UN Resolution 181 in 1947 Upon the formation of the two governments of Israel and Palestine, they implemented their evil plan to create this regime and finally in 1948, put their colonialism plot into practice, and from this date until now, this regime has been fully supported by the West.

Therefore, the formation of this regime is a complex design by the West to confront the Islamic civilization, and it is reported that Ben-Gurion founder of the Zionist regime said that we have come to this region to show our advanced civilization against the barbarism of the Eastern civilization (namely Islam). From that year until today, we witness the most brutal killing of innocent women and children in Gaza by this regime is fully supported, or more correctly, by international Zionism, the military, political, international and economic power of the West to suppress Islam and Muslims. It has been used, as an example of this issue, no one knows that the president in America has won without the support of the Zionist lobbies in America, that is, the key to entering the black and white palace is in the hands of the Zionists, but it is regrettable to say that the Islamic rulers in that time, although they did not accept Resolution 181 and emphasized the formation of a unified government, but in practice they consciously or even unconsciously accepted this cancerous tumour and since then they retreated in front of the excesses of bloodlust and limitless crimes of this regime.

The establishment of official relations with this cruel and child-killing regime by some Islamic countries was the climax of the recession.

Iran and Palestine

Iran's relationship with Palestine can be divided into two periods before and after the victory of the Islamic Revolution. Before the victory of the Islamic revolution, even though the then government of Iran also voted against UN Resolution 181 and insisted on the formation of a government, but with the intervention of American President Truman in 1950, Israel was de facto and unofficially recognized. Fearing the reaction of the people and the clergy, he did not announce this decision publicly, but the cooperation of the two sides continued in various fields

In the same period, Imam Khomeini (R.A.) in exile in Najaf Ashraf with a Sharia fatwa allowed the people to pay Sharia funds to the Palestinians to help them fight against the Zionist regime, and other companions of Imam Khomeini also acted against the Zionist regime with their own means. With the rise of the Islamic revolution, the Palestinians were the first to show their inclination towards this revolution, and the Martyr Fathi Shaghghi, the then Secretary General of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, was the first person in the Arab world to write a book called *Al-Khamini; al-Hal va al-Walbadeel* giving lip service to the Islamic Revolution and started his struggles inspired by the Iranian Islamic Revolution.

After the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the Islamic Republic severed all relations between the Shah's regime and Israel and handed over the Israeli embassy in Tehran to Palestine, and since then, the Islamic Republic has stood by the Palestinian people. It has adopted a complex and multi-layered design of an all-round strategy,

while leaving the implementation of tactical issues to the Palestinian groups and other groups of the broad resistance front.

The actions of the Islamic Republic of Iran are as follows

The steps taken by the Islamic Republic of Iran in this regard are as follows:

1. According to the article 152 of the Islamic Republic of Iran Constitution: Negation of any kind of domination and acceptance of domination and the defence of the rights of all Muslims and non-alignment to the hegemonic powers, and according to article 154, support for the rights-seeking struggles of the oppressed against the arrogant in any part of " the world" recognized by the majority vote of the Iranian nation.
2. Declaring of the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan as the International Quds Day by Imam Khomeini (RA).
3. The approval of the law for the protection of Palestine by the Islamic Council, based on this law, the government is obliged to deal with the Zionist regime by allocating funds and facilities to the Palestinian people.
4. In 2019 the proposal of a referendum of all the original inhabitants of Palestine, including Muslims, Jews and Christians, to determine the type of government in the entire Palestinian land, was submitted to the United Nations.
5. Helping to empower the Palestinian people and fighters to liberate their land in this context, the Islamic Republic has not hesitated to provide any assistance, especially in the field of transferring the knowledge of advanced weapons production to the Palestinian resistance groups, and has proudly accepted the responsibility for this at the highest level. It is obvious that in

the confrontation with the Arrogant (imperialist) world, Iran had to pay its price. Therefore, the Islamic Republic of Iran has adopted two approaches regarding the Palestine issue including; 1) Referring to the public votes of the Palestinian people to determine their fate and 2) in case of non-acceptance by the other side (namely Zionist Regime), defending the oppressed people against the tyrant and aggressor which are included in the executive planning of the country.

The arrival of Islamists to confront the Zionist regime

In the above, it was explained how this cancerous tumour was formed in this region, however, after the occupation of Palestine, there were wars and resistance by the Arab countries and the Palestinian people, and from 1948 to 1979, which means the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the flag of this struggle was in the hands of the Palestinians and the Arab governments. Despite a lot of bravery, the Arab countries were defeated by Israel in the wars of 1948, 1958, 1967 and 1973, which were supported by the West, especially the United States and U.K, and lost part of the Arab and Islamic lands, in addition to Palestinian lands, the Sahara-e-Sina and the Golan Heights were also occupied by Israel, and the Palestinians did not stop fighting. Accordingly, in 1959, Yasser Arafat formed the Fatah organization. In 1964, a confederation of Palestinian parties (PLO) was formed. This organization was recognized by the countries of the world as the official representative of Palestine and became a member of the United Nations in 1974 and finally in 1993 the PLO and the Zionist regime recognized each other. On another development in 1967 the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was formed by George Habash, Abu Ali Mustafa and Ahmed Jabreel with Marxist tendencies. In the end, the Palestinian

fighters, for whatever reason, agreed with Israel based on the Oslo Accords and formed the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah, but after a while, they realized that this government did not have any authority, and the late Arafat made some moves and was poisoned and after his death removed from the scene. During all the time, except in 1948, when Ezzeddin Qassam entered into a conflict with Israel with several battalions, the Islamists were not present in this confrontation until the Islamic Revolution, when Fathi Shaghghi and a number of his friends were inspired by the Islamic Revolution and with the slogan why Islam is absent in Palestine, they formed the Islamic Jihad group. In 1986, they started the first intifada with knives, flails and stones, and subsequently and a few days after the first intifada, the Palestinian Brotherhood announced its existence under the name of Hamas. Therefore, the flag of the struggle against the invaders was taken by the Islamists. In South Lebanon, in 1982, Hezbollah Lebanon was formed as an important part of the resistance front. Since Islamic groups in Palestine took control of the struggle, the equation changed. Zionist Hezbollah's victory in the 33-day war, Hamas's victory in the 22-day war, Palestinian groups' victory in the 52-day war, the 8-day war and Israeli Regime tastes the defeat.

In all the wars, Israel has accepted Cease Fire without hesitation, through the mediation of some countries or directly, and now the Al-Aqsa storm operation with a complex and sensitive design, using all kinds of missiles, has started on October 7. This operation is the most unique operation that the regime and its Western sponsors have seen so far. That is why the American president, the British prime minister, the French president and the officials of other European countries rushed to Tel Aviv to encourage the regime and prevent its collapse. From that day until now, with

the establishment of a flyover between the West and Tel Aviv, they provide this regime with all kinds of advanced weapons to massacre children, women, and the elderly in such a way that even hospitals, mosques, and churches are not safe. What is more surprising is that America publicly declares its opposition to any ceasefire. And this is while the Secretary General of the United Nations World Health Organization, responsible for UNRWA, declares his hatred for this genocide. Now the war has reached the borders of Gaza, and the child-killing Israeli Regime, caught in a trap, is threatening Gaza with nuclear weapons in front of the whole world. Of course, all the free nations of the world, and even in America and Europe, people are protesting with rallies and marches and they declare their hatred for this regime and its western supporters. In such a situation, the Islamic Republic of Iran is still standing by the side of this oppressed nation and does not hesitate to help these people in any way, but in their implementation and actions, there are Palestinian groups that they decide. We hope that according to the order of the Holy Qur'an, which says; if you move to support Allah; Allah will help you, the action of the Palestinian Mujahideen will lead to the defeat of Israel and register another victory in the history.