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Free Free Palestine!



Palestine will be Free!

300,000 March in London

Over three hundred thousand protestors gathered in London and throughout the country to protest against the indiscriminate bombing in Gaza.

The protests, organised by Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Friends of Al-Aqsa, Stop the War Coalition, Muslim Association of Britain, Palestinian Forum in Britain, and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, saw many people from Batley, Dewsbury and throughout West Yorkshire, join people from a plethora of backgrounds, including British Jews, to call for a free Palestine amid wider concern that a humanitarian disaster is unfolding in the Middle East, with people calling for Israel to protect civilians and respect international law.

Bombing Gaza, cutting off electricity, gas and water, the killing of innocent children and families along with the bombing of places of worship and hospitals has drawn not just the ire of the “Arab street”, too easily disregarded as a place of regular futile flag-burning anger, but also that of British, European and American Muslims along with global human rights organisations, which now accuse Israel of war crimes.

“We are all united to deliver the same message: we want the violence to end. We’re calling for an immediate ceasefire and for necessary humanitarian supplies to be safely delivered to the people of Gaza,” Ben Jamal, director of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, said in a post on X: “The violence will not end until

you address the root cause”, which he identified as Israel’s military occupation.

Chanting “Free Palestine”, holding banners and waving Palestinian flags, the protesters moved through London before demonstrating outside Downing Street.

Since 7 October Israeli forces have launched thousands of air bombardments in the Gaza Strip, killing thousands of people, mostly civilians, including more thousands of children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza. Approximately 12,500 have been injured and more than 1,000 bodies are still trapped beneath the rubble.

In Israel, more than 1,400 people, most of them civilians, have been killed and some 3,300 others were injured, according to the Israeli Ministry of Health after armed groups launched an unprecedented attack against Israel.

Amnesty International has documented unlawful Israeli attacks which they say, must be investigated as war crimes. These include indiscriminate attacks, which have caused mass civilian casualties.

The organisation spoke to survivors and eyewitnesses, analysed satellite imagery, and verified photos and videos to investigate air bombardments carried out by Israeli forces between 7 and 12 October, which caused horrific destruction, and in some cases wiped out entire families.

“In their stated intent to use all means to

destroy Hamas, Israeli forces have shown a shocking disregard for civilian lives.

“They have pulverized street after street of residential buildings killing civilians on a mass scale and destroying essential infrastructure, while new restrictions mean Gaza is fast running out of water, medicine, fuel and electricity.

“Testimonies from eyewitness and survivors highlighted, again and again, how Israeli attacks decimated Palestinian families, causing such destruction that surviving relatives have little but rubble to remember their loved ones by,” said Agnès Callamard, Amnesty International’s Secretary General.



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in support of Palestine



“For 16 years, Israel’s illegal blockade has made Gaza the world’s biggest open-air prison – the international community must act now to prevent it becoming a giant graveyard.”

We are calling on Israeli forces to immediately end unlawful attacks in Gaza and ensure that they take all feasible precautions to minimize harm to civilians and damage to civilian objects. Israel’s allies must immediately impose a comprehensive arms embargo given that serious violations under international law are being committed.”

Imam Omar Suleiman, a respected American Muslim scholar and theologically driven activist for human rights, who has a big following on social media, lambasted the international community for refusing to acknowledge the plight of the Palestinians: “As the siege and bombardment of Gaza continues at full force, killing hundreds each day, maiming many more and wiping entire families out of the civil registry, the international community is still watching idly by.

“The global conversation on the assault on Gaza is shifting towards the annexation of yet another part of historic Palestine by Israel, with countries around the world rushing not to prevent the injustice but to ensure Palestinians made into refugees as a result won’t end up coming their way.”

In addition, António Guterres, the UN secretary general, said he was shocked that

the Israeli government had misrepresented remarks he had made to the UN to suggest he had justified the Hamas attacks on Israel on 7 October.

Israel has called for his resignation, accusing him of a blood libel and announcing that it was withdrawing travel visas for UN officials, including the UN humanitarian coordinator, Martin Griffiths.

Israel also vowed to stop UN officials coming to Israel in a bid to teach the UN a lesson after Guterres had suggested the attacks by Hamas could not be seen in a vacuum but followed decades of occupation. Guterres also accused Israel of clear violations of humanitarian law in the Gaza Strip, and insisted that a humanitarian ceasefire was vital.





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Masjid Al Aqsa Under Threat



Al-Aqsa mosque is a sacred sanctuary in the Old City of Jerusalem. It is the holiest site in Jerusalem for Muslims and an important symbol of Palestinian resistance.

Al-Aqsa is located in East Jerusalem, which has been under illegal Israeli occupation since 1967 according to international law.

The threat to Al-Aqsa increases every day under illegal Israeli occupation. Some Israeli groups wish to build a Jewish temple in the place of Al-Aqsa. The Israeli government frequently

allows these groups to visit Al-Aqsa, accompanied by Israeli Occupation Forces.

These provocative visits are known as incursions. The number of incursions at Al-Aqsa and attacks on Palestinian worshippers have rapidly increased over the last few years.

During Ramadan, Palestinian worshippers at Al-Aqsa have been known to have been attacked 7 times in the space of 10 days.

Over 250 worshippers were injured, including women, children and the elderly.

Most recently, the leader of an Israeli group has called for the destruction of Al-Aqsa.

Currently, with the bombardment and destruction of the whole of Gaza and the slaughter of innocent lives, the Israeli occupiers have prevented Muslim worshippers from praying Jummah salah.

This is deplorable and will further inflame tensions in the region and further antagonise Muslims around the world as Masjid Al Aqsa is sacred to every single Muslim regardless of where they are in the world.

History behind the Israel Palestine conflict

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict began via a colonial act carried out more than a century ago, claiming tens of thousands of lives with many millions of people being displaced.

What was the Balfour Declaration?

- In November 2, 1917, Britain's then-foreign secretary, Arthur Balfour, promised the Zionist movement a country where Palestinian Arab natives made up more than 90 percent of the population.

- During that period, the British facilitated mass Jewish immigration. Palestinians were alarmed by their country's changing demographics and British confiscation of their lands to be handed over to Jewish settlers.

What happened during the 1930s?

- The British launched a mass arrest campaign and carried out punitive home demolitions, a practice that Israel continues to implement against Palestinians today. Villages were bombed by air, curfews imposed, homes demolished, and administrative detentions and summary killings were widespread.

What was the UN partition plan?

- By 1947, the Jewish population had ballooned to 33 percent of Palestine, but they owned only 6 percent of the land.

- The United Nations adopted Resolution 181, which called for the partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states.

- In April 1948, more than 100 Palestinian men, women and children were killed in the village of Deir Yassin on the outskirts of Jerusalem - from 1947 to 1949, more than 500 Palestinian villages, towns and cities were destroyed in what Palestinians refer to as the Nakba, or "catastrophe" in Arabic.

- The Zionist movement captured 78 percent of historic Palestine. The remaining 22 percent was divided into what are now the occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip.

- An estimated 750,000

Palestinians were forced out of their homes. Today their descendants live as six million refugees in 58 squalid camps throughout Palestine and in the neighbouring countries of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

- On May 15, 1948, Israel announced its establishment. The following day, the first Arab-Israeli war began and fighting ended in January 1949 after an armistice between Israel and Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. In December 1948, the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 194, which calls for the right of return for Palestinian refugees.

The years after the Nakba

- Egypt took over the Gaza Strip, and in 1950, Jordan began its administrative rule over the West Bank. In 1964, the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) was formed, and a year later, the Fatah political party was established.

The Naksa, or the Six-Day War and the settlements

- On June 5, 1967, Israel occupied the rest of historic Palestine, including the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan Heights and the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula during the Six-Day War against a coalition of Arab armies.

- A two-tier system was created with Jewish settlers afforded all the rights and privileges of being Israeli citizens whereas Palestinians had to live under a military occupation that discriminated against them and barred any form of political or civic expression.

The first Intifada 1987-1993

- The first Palestinian Intifada erupted in the Gaza Strip in December 1987 after four Palestinians were killed when an Israeli truck collided with two vans carrying Palestinian workers.

- The Israeli army's heavy-handed response was encapsulated by the "Break their Bones" policy advocated by then-Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. It included summary killings, closures of

universities, deportations of activists and destruction of homes.

- The Intifada was primarily carried out by young people and was directed by the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising, a coalition of Palestinian political factions committed to ending the Israeli occupation and establishing Palestinian independence.

- In 1988, the Arab League recognised the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

- The Intifada ended with the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1993 and the formation of the Palestinian Authority (PA), an interim government that was granted limited self-rule in pockets of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

- The PLO recognised Israel on the basis of a two-state solution and effectively signed agreements that gave Israel control of 60 percent of the West Bank, and much of the territory's land and water resources.

The second Intifada

- The second Intifada began on September 28, 2000, when Likud opposition leader Ariel Sharon made a provocative visit to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound with thousands of security forces deployed in and around the Old City of Jerusalem.

- Clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli forces killed five Palestinians and injured 200 over two days. PLO leader Yasser Arafat died in 2004, and a year later, the second Intifada ended, Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip were dismantled, and Israeli soldiers and 9,000 settlers left the enclave.

- The 2008 assault involved the use of internationally banned weaponry, such as phosphorus gas. In 2014, over a span of 50 days, Israel killed more than 2,100 Palestinians, including 1,462 civilians and close to 500 children. During the assault, called Operation Protective Edge by the Israelis, about 11,000 Palestinians were wounded, 20,000 homes were destroyed and half a million people displaced.

Exclusive first hand report from Gaza: "I am waiting to die"

The Gaza based Chairman and CEO of the Palestine Welfare House charity, has described the current predicament as so dire that he is: "waiting to die."

Speaking to Paigaam, Joma Al Najjar explains in a column, how the Gaza Strip is currently suffering from a fierce, devastating war with the Israeli occupation that has claimed the lives of so many innocent souls.

"This war has affected all aspects of life, destroyed all means of livelihood, and sent death everywhere, and there is no longer any safe place for innocent civilians in Gaza. I'm exhausted, frustrated and I have collapsed. Most of my friends and relatives have been martyred. The attacks cannot be described, nothing remains of my home. Israel has launched 12,000 tons of explosive materials on Gaza, this is equivalent to more than a Nuclear bomb.

"The total death toll of the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip since the October 7 is 7,028 citizens, including 2,913 children, 1,709 women, and 381 elderly people. In addition, 18,482 citizens have been injured.

"The Ministry of Health in Gaza has received 1950 reports of missing people still under the rubble, including 1,100 children. Twelve hospitals and 32 health care centers are now out of service due to direct and indirect Israeli targeting and

a lack of fuel due to the ongoing siege. I try send to photos and videos but it's very difficult because of too limited internet, it's cutting in all of North of Gaza. The situation is getting worse, what's happening in Gaza is the elimination of the Palestinian's, It's genocide.

"According to the statistics of Ministry of Health in Gaza, the results of the war until this moment (25/10/2023 3:40 pm). More than 7,000 sick and wounded people need urgent intervention, but the health system is unable to save their lives.

"Statistics show that 65% of this week's casualties were in the southern Gaza Strip, which the Israeli occupation claims is safe. The Israeli occupation committed 688 massacres against families, claiming the lives of 4,807 martyrs, and twice that number is still under the rubble. 149 families lost more than 10 of their members as martyrs among the family massacres. The number of casualties in the Gaza Strip has been rising steadily after the Baptist Hospital massacre, which the world remained silent about.

"The hospitals of Gaza have received 1,600 reports of missing persons, including 900 children still under the rubble. Targeting the health system led to 57 institutions being damaged, 73 medical staff being killed, and 25 ambulances being destroyed and out of service. The Israeli occupation directly targeted health

institutions and threatened to bomb all hospitals if they were not evacuated. It put 12 hospitals and 32 primary care centers out of service as a result of the targeting or failure to bring in fuel.

"The health system is completely out of service and is in a state of complete collapse. Transforming hospitals into shelter centres where corridors, departments and courtyards are filled with displaced people, this hinders the provision of safe medical services, and exposes the lives of the wounded who suffer from wounds and burns to severe infections and ulcers.

"Regarding to the first assessment, Israel has destroyed 280,000 houses in Gaza including 110,000 totally damaged and 170,000 severe partially damaged, in addition to destroying 3 hospitals, 36 mosques, one church, and 26 medical centres. The war caused the displacement of more than 1,600,000 citizens from their homes for fear of bombing and killing towards schools and their relatives' homes in city centres."

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Joma Al Najjar

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Shame on Western Media

To start with, we want to unequivocally condemn the killing of all human beings, whether they are Palestinian, Israeli or Muslim or Christian minorities.

We condemn Hamas for the killings of innocents Israeli citizens and we also condemn Israel for their bombing campaign and killing of innocent children and families. Western media has shown its true colours in the way it has been reporting on the bombing campaign by Israel in Gaza. The media has been openly and unashamedly promoting Israeli propaganda and they have been working overtime, spewing misinformation and lies.

There is a distinct bias towards Israel, whilst ignoring the war crimes and the mass murder of Palestinians, in favour of the Israeli perspective. They are happy

to completely play down the 75 years of Israeli brutality, murder and the terrorising of innocent Palestinians. The western media has quickly overlooked the years of genocide, occupation, siege, apartheid and more.

They have never strongly condemned Israel for this. Yet they have peddled Israeli propaganda when Israeli's get killed. This is the state of the biased western media, who cannot be trusted to do their job, fairly and professionally. Where is their humanity?

The western media's coverage of the Ukraine and Russia war, has been to portray Ukraine fighters as freedom fighters. Whereas, when Palestinians stand up for their rights, they are seen as terrorists. It seems as if journalists in the western media have all been given a script

to read from, asking the same questions and the same lines. The amount of lies that have been perpetuated is nothing short of disgraceful. Our politicians have behaved disgracefully. Apart from Jeremy Corbyn, have any MP's openly and categorically and openly condemned Israeli war crimes in Gaza on a daily basis?

You expect this from the Tories, but the Muslim community is absolutely shocked at the behaviour of Keir Starmer, who has failed to condemn the war crimes perpetrated by Israel. There is a great deal of anger in the Muslim community against labour, for failing to condemn the bombing and war crimes committed by Israel. Indeed, it may well lead to labour losing 1.5 million votes as support for Labour amongst British Muslims has dropped by 66 percent, according to a survey of 30,000 Muslims in 575 constituencies.



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IMWS Morocco and Libya appeal

The Indian Muslim Welfare Society along with its affiliated Masjids recently launched appeals for Morocco and Libya respectively in order to provide much needed respite and aid to those affected by the recent earthquakes.

The generous people of Batley and Dewsbury donated directly at our affiliated Masjids or either visiting the Al-Hikmah Centre and giving their donations to Munir Daji and the team.

In addition, a number of people donated via the IMWS web site. The generosity of the local community ensured many needy and deserving people were provided with aid by means of a number of food packs which were distributed to those in need.

The IMWS Charity sub-committee made a conscious decision to help the people of

Morocco and Libya by providing blankets, mattresses, pillows, hygiene kits and non-food items.

Chair of the Charity Sub Committee, Masoom bhai Karolia thanked affiliated and participating Masjids, along with the local community for their support and resolve in providing much needed help and support.

“May I take this opportunity to thank our affiliated and participating Masjids for their outstanding contribution and support,” said Mr karolia.

“We would also like to thank the people of Batley and Dewsbury and across the country. Their generosity has helped the people of Morocco and Libya. All of the money which was raised went to those who are really in need and we would like

to thank all those involved in ensuring we provided urgent relief to those in the most hard-hit areas.

IMWS Chair, Rafik Dabhad also thanked the affiliated and participating Masjids for working with IMWS in a meticulous and efficient manner.

“None of this would have been possible without the generous nature of our affiliated and participating Masjids, who impressed upon their members and musalees, that the situation there is dire. With their help, people kindly donated their hard-earned money so that families can help attain some ease. This is something our community has been doing for many, many years and we hope and pray the Almighty keeps us in good health and wealth to continue helping those less fortunate.”

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The injustice of misinformation about Palestinian suffering

Misinformation about the Israel-Hamas war is easy to find online. Yet, false narratives are proliferating. Some of the images were posted by victims on the ground at the attacks. Some were reportedly years old, taken from conflict zones in other parts of the world. However, the award for one of the most ludicrous posts goes to Justin Bieber.

Bieber faced a backlash after sharing a message of support for Israel alongside a photo of Gaza City destruction online. The Canadian singer, 29, took to Instagram Stories on Wednesday and posted the words "Praying for Israel" overlaid on an image of ruined buildings in the Gaza Strip. The singer's post was deleted within an hour and he then reshared the message with the same wording but this time with no background. It comes after Oscar-winning actress Jamie Lee Curtis posted a

picture with the caption "Terror from the skies" with an Israeli flag on Instagram, but deleted it after followers pointed out the picture was actually of Gazan children.

In addition, statements made by politicians, are fuelling online falsehoods and confusion. "I never really thought that I would see and have confirmed pictures of terrorists beheading children," President Joe Biden said, referring to widely circulated but as yet unconfirmed reports of Hamas militants beheading infants during the initial attack. The White House later said that Biden had not seen any such pictures and had not independently confirmed reports about the beheading.

The United Nations has called for an independent international investigation into a devastating blast at a packed hospital. Palestinian officials in the besieged Gaza

Strip blamed an Israeli strike for the explosion at al-Ahli Arab Hospital, while the Israeli army said it was caused by an errant rocket fired by the armed group Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which denied the assertion. Israel's ally the United States has also put the blame on Palestinian fighters, while Arab states have blamed Israel.

However, certain social media accounts are showcasing what many believe to be an authentic view of the situation in Gaza. @motaz_azaiza a photographer in Gaza, with over 7 million followers continuously posts heartbreaking posts, helping transport injured children to hospitals in Gaza, whilst also showcasing the aftermath of Israel's bombing campaigns. Azaiza has been described as the single most important voice on Instagram right now by risking his life to showcase the genocide in Gaza.



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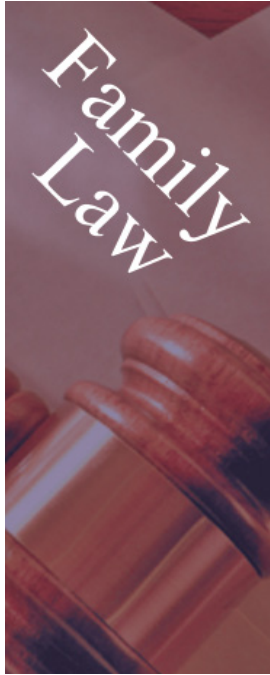
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એક અમીર બીજનેસમેન હતા. જેમને દ્રાક્ષ(અંગુર) ખૂબજ પસંદ હતી. એક વખત જ્યારે તે પોતાની ઓફીસે જઈ રહ્યા હતા ત્યારે રસ્તામાં તેમણે એક લારી ઉપર ખૂબજ સારી દ્રાક્ષ જોઈ. આમ તો દ્રાક્ષ તેમની કમજોરી હતી. ડ્રાઈવર પાસે ગાડી રોકાવી દ્રાક્ષ ખરીદી લઈ તેને આપી દીધી. અને કહ્યું ઘરે આપી દેશો અને હું બપોરે ખાઈ લઈશ. અને પછી ઓફીસે ચાલ્યા ગયા. બપોરે ખાવા માટે શેઠ ઘરે આવ્યા. એમના માટે ટેબલ ઉપર ખાવાનું લગાવવામાં આવ્યું. ખાવાની દરેક વસ્તુ મૌજુદ હતી પરંતુ આ શું? દ્રાક્ષ ગાયબ હતી. ઘરવાળાને તે અંગે પૂછ્યું તો તેમણે જવાબ આપ્યો એ તો બધાએ ખાઈ લીધી. આ સાંભળી શેઠને ઝટકો લાગ્યો. તેઓ ખાધા વિના તરતજ ટેબલ ઉપરથી ઊઠ્યા અને તિજોરી ખોલી નોટોનું બંડલ બેગમાં નાંખી ઘરેથી બહાર નીકળી ગયા.

શેઠે તેમના વિશ્વાસુ નોકરને બોલાવી લીધા અને પ્રોપર્ટી ડીલર પાસે પહોંચી ગયા. કેટલાક પ્લોટ જોઈ તેમાંથી એક પ્લોટ પસંદ કરી લીધો અને રકમ ચૂકવી ખરીદી લીધો. પછી ઠેકેદાર અને એન્જિનિયરને, પણ બોલાવી લીધા. જગ્યાનો પ્લાન, નકશો મસ્જિદ માટે બનાવવા કહ્યું અને ખાસ્સી રકમ પણ આપી દીધી. અને જલ્દીથી ખોદાઈ કામ શરૂ કરવા કહ્યું. દરેક કામ તેઓ એટલી ઝડપથી કરી રહ્યા હતા કે જાણે તેમની જિંદગી ફક્ત એક-બે દિવસની જ બાકી છે.

આમ તો આવા કામમાં ઘણો સમય નીકળી જાય છે. પરંતુ દિલમાં ઈપ્લાસ અને હાથ કંજુસાઈથી આઝાદ હોય તો મહિનાઓના કામ કલાકોમાં થઈ જાય છે. એજ હકીકત આ શેઠ સાથે પણ થઈ રહી હતી. શોખ અને પૈસાની સહુલતે તમામ કામ કલાકોમાં થઈ ગયા. ઉત્તમ પ્લોટ, સૌથી સારો એન્જિનિયર, અને સારો કોન્ટ્રાક્ટર પણ મળી ગયો. પ્લાનિંગનું કામ થઈ ગયું, થોડા દિવસોમાં પાયાનું અને મસ્જિદની તામિરનું કામ શરૂ કરવાનું નક્કી થઈ ગયું.

મોડી રાત્રે જ્યારે શેઠ ઘરે આવ્યા તો ઘરવાળાઓએ પૂછ્યું જનાબ તમે ખાવાનું છોડી ક્યાં ચાલ્યા ગયા હતા? શેઠે કહ્યું, હું અસલ ઘર અને અસલ રહેઠાણનું કામ કરવા ગયો હતો. અને પરવરદિગારની મદદથી તમામ તૈયારી થઈ ગઈ છે. અને હવે હું સુકુન (આરામથી) મરી શકું છું. તમે લોકોએ તો મારી જિંદગીમાં ચાર દાણા દ્રાક્ષના પણ ન છોડ્યા. અને હું મારી તમામ મિલકત તમારા માટે છોડી જઈ રહ્યો છું. મારા મરવા પછી તમે લોકો મારા માટે શું મોકલવાના હતા? જેથી મેં મારી માલ-મિલકતમાંથી એક મોટો હિસ્સો મારા માટે આગળ મોકલી દીધો છે. અને હું ખૂબજ સુકુન મેહસુસ કરી રહ્યો છું.

દોસ્તો આપણાં પચગમ્બર સ.અ.વ. એ ફરમાવ્યું છે કે, જે શખ્સ દુનિયામાં મસ્જિદ, અલ્લાહનું ઘર બનાવે છે તેના માટે અલ્લાહ જન્મતમાં ઘર બનાવે છે. હવે જોવું રહ્યું કે, આપણે દુનિયામાં તો

આપણાં માટે ઘર બનાવી લીધું, પરંતુ શું આપણે જન્મતમાં પણ આપણું ઘર બનાવવાની તૈયારી કરી લીધી છે કે કેમ?

દોસ્તો બની શકે તો એક મસ્જિદ બનાવો, મસ્જિદ ન બનાવી શકો તો મસ્જિદમાં પોતાના હિસ્સો જરૂર આપો. આપણે જીવંત રહીએ કે ન રહીએ મસ્જિદમાં કયામત સુધી સિજદાઓ થતા રહેશે અને ઈ.અ. કબ્રમાં પણ તેનો સવાબ મળતો રહેશે. આપણાંમાંથી જેમના મા-બાપ દુનિયાથી ચાલ્યા ગયા છે તેઓને પણ બેહતરીન તોહફો (ઈનામ) આપો. મહુમના નામથી મસ્જિદ બનાવો અથવા તેમના નામથી કોઈ રકમ અથવા હિસ્સો મસ્જિદના બાંધકામમાં આપો. ઈ.અ. કબ્રમાં તેમને પણ સવાબ પહોંચતો રહેશે.

ભારત ખાતે કેટલાક રાજ્યોની વિધાનસભાની ચૂંટણીની જાહેરાત

ભારતમાં પાંચ રાજ્યોની વિધાનસભાની ચૂંટણીની જાહેરાત થઈ છે. જેમાં ૧. મધ્ય પ્રદેશમાં ૧૭મી નવેમ્બર ૨. રાજસ્થાનમાં ૨૩ નવેમ્બર ૩. છત્તીસગઢમાં ૭ અને ૧૭ નવેમ્બર ૪. તેલંગાનામાં ૩૦ નવેમ્બર ૫. મિઝોરમમાં ૭ નવેમ્બરના રોજ મતદાન થશે અને દરેક વિધાનસભાની ચૂંટણીના પરિણામો ૩જી ડીસેમ્બરના જાહેર થશે.

આ રાજ્યોની ચૂંટણી હાલની બીજેપી સરકાર અને કોંગ્રેસ માટે રસાકસીભરી રહેશે અને ૨૦૨૪માં આવી રહેલ લોકસભાની ચૂંટણી માટે એક સેમીફાઈનલની ભૂમિકા ભજવશે. હાલમાં બે રાજ્યોમાં બીજેપી અને બે રાજ્યોમાં કોંગ્રેસની સરકાર છે અને તેલંગાનામાં ક્ષેત્રીય પાર્ટીની સરકાર છે. હાલની પરિસ્થિતિ જોતાં બીજેપી સરકાર અને વડા પ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદી તથા તેમના મંત્રીઓના ભ્રષ્ટાચાર, પાર્ટીની નીતિ અને જૂઠા વાયદાઓ ઉપરાંત દેશમાં મોંઘવારી, બેકારી, કથળતું અર્થતંત્ર અને મુસ્લિમો, દલિતો, આદિવાસીઓ સામે થઈ રહેલા અત્યાચારથી દરેક સમાજ ત્રાસી રહ્યો છે. ખુદ મોદીને પણ હારનો ડર સતાવી રહ્યો છે. જેથી વિરોધપક્ષોના અનેક નેતાઓ સામે ભ્રષ્ટાચારના કેસો દાખલ કરી ઈડી અને સીબીઆઈના દરોડા પડાવી તેમને જેલ ભેગા કર્યા છે. બીજી તરફ વિરોધ પક્ષો એકત્ર થઈ I.N.D.I.A. નામથી સંગઠન બનાવ્યું છે. રાહુલ ગાંધી અને તેની બહેન પ્રિયંકા ગાંધીએ કોંગ્રેસની સ્થિતિ મજબૂત બનાવી છે.

આ રાજ્યોની ચૂંટણી ઉપર તમામનું ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રીત છે અને એમાં જે પાર્ટી હારે તેના અસ્તિત્વનો પણ સવાલ રહેશે. અને જો ફરીથી બીજેપી આ રાજ્યોમાં સફળ થાય તો ૨૦૨૪ની સંસદની ચૂંટણી જીતવાનું તેના માટે આસાન રહેશે અને જો તે હારે તો સંસદની ૨૦૨૪ની ચૂંટણીમાં તેને હારનો સામનો પણ કરવો પડી શકે છે.

બીજેપી તેમના શાસનના ૧૦ વર્ષ પૂરા કરી ત્રીજી વખત સત્તામાં આવવાના અથાગ પ્રયત્નો કરી રહી છે. અને જો તે ફરી સત્તામાં આવશે તો દેશની હાલત શું થશે તે કહેવું મુશ્કેલ છે. હાલમાં સરકાર ભારતના સંવિધાન અને સુપ્રિમ કોર્ટના આદેશોનું ઉલંઘન કરી રહી છે અને મનમાનીથી આગળ વધી રહી છે. બંધારણ બદલવા માટેની પણ તેની કોશિશો ચાલુ છે. જેથી આવતી ચૂંટણીમાં તેની જીત દેશને ક્યાં લઈ જશે તે સમજવું મુશ્કેલ છે.

વિશ્વના ૧૨૫ દેશોમાં ભૂખમરામાં ભારતનો નંબર ૧૧૧મો

ગયા માસમાં જાહેર થયેલ ગ્લોબલ હંગર ઈન્ડેક્સ-૨૦૨૩ (GHI) જેમાં ૧૨૫ દેશોના તારણોને આવરી લેવામાં આવ્યા છે, તેમાં ભારતનો નંબર ૧૧૧મો આવ્યો છે. જે બતાવે છે કે, ભારત દેશ આજે ભૂખમરાની ગંભીર પરિસ્થિતિનો સામનો કરી રહ્યો છે. ગયા વર્ષે ૧૨૧ દેશોની લીસ્ટમાં ભારતનો નંબર ૧૦૭મો હતો. આ વર્ષની યાદીમાં ભારતના પાડોશી દેશોનું પ્રદર્શન વધુ બહેતર છે. અને તેઓ ભારત કરતા સારી સ્થિતિમાં છે. પાકિસ્તાન આમાં ૧૦૨ નંબરે, બાંગ્લાદેશ ૮૧માં નંબરે અને નેપાલ ૬૮માં નંબરે છે. ભારતમાં બાળકોની કમજોરીનો દર પણ સૌથી વધુ છે. તથા નાના બાળકોમાં કુપોષણનો રેટ પણ સૌથી વધુ છે. અગાઉ બાંગ્લાદેશમાં ખાસ કરીને ભૂખમરાનું પ્રમાણ વધુ જોવા મળતું હતું પરંતુ એ દેશ આમાં સારી પ્રગતિ કરી છે.

ભારતના બાળવિકાસ મંત્રાલયે આ રિપોર્ટને ખામીભર્યો બતાવ્યો છે. પરંતુ પ્રતિવર્ષ ભારતની ભૂખમરાની સ્થિતિ કથળી રહી છે તે માટે આ વિભાગ શું પગલા ભરી રહ્યો છે તે દર્શાવવામાં નિષ્ફળ રહ્યું છે.

ગાઝાના મઝલમો ઉપર ભયંકર હુમલો

શનિવાર તારીખ ૭મી ઓક્ટોબર-૨૦૨૩ના રોજ ગાઝામાં ભીષણ યુધ્ધની શરૂઆત થઈ. હમાસે ઈઝરાઈલ ઉપર રોકેટોથી ભયંકર હુમલો કર્યો અને જેનાથી ઈઝરાઈલમાં મોટી તબાહી સર્જાય. તેમનું ઈન્ટેલીજન્સ પણ આ હુમલાની જાણકારી મેળવવામાં નિષ્ફળ રહ્યું. પછી ઈઝરાઈલે ગાઝા ઉપર મોટા હુમલાઓ કરી બોમ્બવર્ષા શરૂ કરી ગાઝામાં તબાહી મચાવી. હજારો લોકો શહીદ થયા જેમાં બાળકો, ઓરતો અને વૃદ્ધોનું પ્રમાણ વધુ હતું. અનેક બિલ્ડિંગો ધરાશયી થઈ મોટું નુકસાન થયું અને હજારો લોકો ધરવિહોણા થયા. અનેક શહેરો કાટમાળોમાં ફેરવાયા. ઈઝરાઈલે ગાઝાનો એક ભાગ ખાલી કરી દક્ષિણમાં ચાલી જવા ચેતવણી આપી. આમ તો ગાઝાની આબાદી લગભગ ૨૨લાખ લોકોની છે એવામાં ખુલ્લા મેદાનમાં એક ખુલ્લી પ્રીઝનમાં આ પેલેસ્ટીનીયનોને બંધક બનાવવાની ઈઝરાઈલની આ એક ચાલ છે. ૧૫મી ઓક્ટોબરના રોજ ગાઝાની અલ-અહલી અરબી બાપ્ટિસ્ટ હોસ્પિટલ ઉપર હુમલો થયો અને તેમાં ૫૦૦થી વધુ લોકોએ જાન ગુમાવ્યા. ૭૫વર્ષના ઈતિહાસનું આ ભયાનક યુધ્ધ છે. ઈઝરાઈલે ગાઝામાં ઈલેક્ટ્રીસિટી, પાણી, ફૂડ, મેડીસીન અને અન્ય જરૂરી વસ્તુઓનો પુરવઠો બંધ કરી દીધો છે. પરિણામે ત્યાં વધુ ભયાનકતા સર્જાય છે.

અમેરિકા, યુ.કે. સહીત યુરોપના અનેક દેશો અને બીજા કેટલાક દેશો ઈઝરાઈલની પડખે ઊભા રહી માનવતાને લાંછન લાગે એવું કાર્ય કર્યું છે. તેઓ ઈઝરાઈલને લડાઈનો સામાન તથા અન્ય મદદ આપી રહ્યા છે. અરબ વર્લ્ડ સંગઠિત થયો છે પરંતુ જોઈએ તેટલું દબાણ ઈઝરાઈલ ઉપર બનાવવામાં નિષ્ફળ રહ્યો છે. ગાઝાના મુસ્લિમોની હાલત દિનપ્રતિદિન કથળી રહી છે.

લેબર પાર્ટીના લીડર કીઅર સ્ટામરે લેબર કોન્ફરન્સ અને અન્ય એક ઈન્ટરવ્યુમાં ગાઝા કોમ્પ્લિકેટ ઉપર બોલતા કહ્યું હતું કે

ઈઝરાઈલને પોતાનો બચાવ કરવાનો હક છે. અને ગાઝામાં ઈલેક્ટ્રીસિટી, પાણી, અનાજ, દવા વગેરે બંધ કરવામાં તેઓ સહમત છે. જે આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય કાયદાનું એક ઉલ્લંઘન છે. તેમના આ બચાવના પગલે યુ.કે.ભરના લેબર સભ્યો, લેબર પાર્ટીના કાઉન્સિલરોમાં આઘાતની લાગણી ફેલાઈ હતી અને કેટલાયે મુસ્લિમ કાઉન્સિલરોએ રાજીનામાં આપ્યાં હતાં તો કેટલાકે તેમના આ બચાવ ઉપર વિરોધ દર્શાવ્યો હતો.

યુ.કે.ના અનેક શહેરો અને બીજા દેશોમાં ઈઝરાઈલ વિરુદ્ધ દેખાવો થઈ રહ્યા છે જેમાં મોટી જનમેદની જોવા મળે છે. પરંતુ હજુ ઈઝરાઈલનું વલણ આ લડાઈને વધુ આગળ ખેંચવાનું છે.

ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીની ગાઝા અને MRI અપીલ

આપ સૌ જાણો છો કે, આપણી સોસાયટીએ ગાઝા ઈમરજન્સી ફંડની અપીલ શરૂ કરી છે. ત્યાં શું પરિસ્થિતિ છે તેનાથી આપણે સૌ વાકેફ છીએ. આ અપીલમાં તમે ઝકાત, સદકાહ, લીલ્લાહની રકમ આપી શકો છો. શોશલ મીડિયા ઉપર સોસાયટીની અપીલના પોસ્ટરો તમે જોયા હશે, તો અમારી વિનંતી છે કે તમે અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટર, બાટલીની ઓફિસે અથવા અમારા ચેરિટી એકાઉન્ટ (IMWS, sort code: 309057 AC No. 01333783) માં બેન્ક ટ્રાન્સફર કરીને મદદ પહોંચાડી શકો છો. જે મસ્જિદો સોસાયટી મારફત ગાઝા કલેક્શન કરી રહી છે ત્યાં પણ તમે મદદ આપી શકો છો. અમારી વેબસાઈટ ઉપર પણ સુવિધા છે.

આ ઉપરાંત પીન્ડરફીલ્ડ હોસ્પિટલમાં એક લેટેસ્ટ MRI મશીન ખરીદવા અને રીકવરી રૂમ તથા અન્ય સુવિધા માટે ખાસ સગવડ ઊભી કરવા માટે મદદની અપીલ પણ બે માસથી ચાલી રહી છે તેમાં પણ ઉપરોક્ત રીતે તમારી રકમ પહોંચાડી શકો છો.

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