

The Right Side of History

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Words of Wisdom

The Zionist regime was knocked out by the Al-Aqsa Flood Operation. In other words, Hamas, a group of resistance fighters and not a government or a country that is well-equipped, but a group of resistance fighters, was able to knock out the usurping Zionist regime despite all its resources.

From Martyr Imam Khamenei's speech on Nov. 22, 2023



Word for Word

[Al-Aqsa Flood] was brought on by the actions of the Zionists themselves. When oppression and criminality exceed all limits, and when brutality comes to a peak, one should expect a storm. What have you done to the Palestinian people? The courageous, self-sacrificing move of the Palestinians was a response to the crimes of the usurping enemy, which have continued for many years and increased in intensity in recent months. The culprit to blame for this situation is the current administration ruling the Zionist usurping regime. No Muslim nation has ever faced an enemy like the enemy the Palestinians are facing today. The Muslim nations and the Muslim countries have never faced an enemy that was this evil, this malicious, this brutal, and this bloodthirsty. Nations have been oppressed on many occasions, but their enemies have never been this shameless, this evil, and this brutal. No Muslim nation has been under or is under such pressure, been besieged, or faced shortages like the Palestinian nation has. You don't see this in the world, nor in the era that we are living in.

Western governments, especially the US and England, have never supported and helped any government as much as this fake, oppressive, bloodthirsty government. First England, then the US, and various other governments along with them, they all helped this ruthless regime. This ruthless regime has behaved in a way such that they have shown no mercy to women or men. They have shown no mercy to the Palestinian children or the elderly. They have not respected the sanctity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. They have thrown these settlers like rabid dogs at the Palestinians and trampled on the worshippers.

So what should a nation do, a fervent, a deep-rooted nation, in the face of all these atrocities and crimes? The Palestinian nation is not a new nation. It is a nation that has existed for thousands of years. How should it respond to all this oppression? Well, such people will obviously create a storm. They will create a storm whenever they find an opportunity to do so. O Zionist oppressors! You yourselves are the culprits to blame for this storm. You yourselves brought this calamity upon yourselves. A nation has no other way than to show a fervent, courageous response in the face of such hostility.

From Martyr Imam Khamenei's speech on Oct. 10, 2023



Memorable Frame



On May 22, 2024, the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution met with Martyr Ismail Haniyeh, the head of Hamas's political bureau. At the meeting, the martyred Leader offered his congratulations and condolences on the martyrdom of Mr. Haniyeh's children, and praised the patience he had shown. Martyr Imam Khamenei, referring to the extraordinary resistance of the people of Gaza, which has astonished the world, stated: "Who would have believed that one day, in American universities, slogans would be chanted in favor of Palestine and the Palestinian flag would be raised? And who would have believed that one day, in Japan, at a demonstration in favor of Palestine, the slogan 'Death to Israel' would be chanted in Persian?"

He emphasized: "In the future, too, events may occur regarding the Palestinian cause that are unbelievable today."

The martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, referring to the Quranic verses concerning the fulfillment of God's two promises to the mother of Prophet Moses (pbuh), added: "Now, too, God's first promise regarding the Palestinian people has been fulfilled — and that is the victory of the people of Gaza, who are a small group, against the large and powerful group of the US, NATO, Britain, and some other countries. On this basis, the second promise, namely, the elimination of the Zionist regime, is also realizable, and by God's grace, the day when Palestine is established from 'the river to the sea' will come."



The People Rise Up

Should any event befall this country, Almighty God will raise these people to confront it. The people will be the ones who will stop it.

Martyr Khamenei

Feb. 1, 2026



After the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini designated the last Friday of Ramadan as Quds Day. Every year, people worldwide take to the streets, inspired by the Iranian people, who were the first to do so, to support the Palestinian cause and condemn the occupying, genocidal Zionist regime. Iran's most recent Quds Day rally was held in the face of the American-Zionist enemy's attacks. Yet the people did not halt their march, despite the bombings and the martyrdom of a compatriot along the route in Tehran.



Opinion

The loosen grip

A historic opportunity to resolve the Palestinian issue after Zionism's collapse in the battle of narratives

- The images from Gaza, they made Israel so hated and rightly so.
- We feel hated everywhere.
- The whole world is ganging up on us!

The above words were said, respectively, by a journalist, a tour guide, and the prime minister of the Zionist regime. While many believe such statements are crafted for the sake of playing the role of victims and attracting foreign support, they are also signs; signs that indicate a failure in a realm where Israel had long held dominance.

When controlling public opinion is no longer possible

On the afternoon of October 7, 2023, the day when Palestinian fighters breached the Gaza barrier and moved beyond its confines, the Zionist regime found itself in an unprecedented complex battlefield. On one hand, it sought to restore its shattered military prestige. On the other, it perceived an opportunity to pursue its long-standing ambition: The total expulsion of Palestinians from Palestine. Thus, war was waged on two fronts. The first front was narrative; colonial and dehumanizing. The second was the execution of genocide, rationalized through that narrative.

From the earliest hours, a massive global media war erupted: On one side stood the Zionist-backed corporate media giants, and on the other, a grassroots alliance of pro-Resistance and pro-Palestine journalists, artists, and academics. Each

side rallied under a distinct slogan:

- Zionist-aligned media launched a disinformation blitz under the banner of "Do you condemn Hamas?" They fabricated tales of burnt infants, mass rapes, and an "unprovoked attack" by Hamas. Even before ground operations began, Israel's then-minister of war publicly referred to Gaza's population as "human animals," and the regime's prime minister framed the conflict as "a war between light and darkness." The strategy was clear: dehumanize Gazans, justify ethnic cleansing, and garner public support for war crimes and genocide.

- In response, the scattered but resolute pro-Palestine media movement rallied under a counter-slogan: "It didn't start on October 7." This became a rallying cry to reintroduce the long history of Zionist colonization and oppression to a global audience. The atrocities committed over more than 70 years, once buried in unread books and rarely watched documentaries, were now unearthed and placed squarely before the world. Their goal was to restore historical clarity, legitimize the Palestinian right to armed resistance, and reaffirm their right to return to their homeland.

Across the world, people began reading, watching, and comparing. They began to question the official version of the conflict in West Asia. It became evident: A shift was underway.

Paradigm shift

With each passing day, one narrative strengthened while the other crumbled. The Western world, long self-appointed guardians of human rights and

civilization, stood staunchly with Israel, providing weapons, intelligence, and full-spectrum support. Opposite them stood Resistance movements, labeled for decades as “terrorist,” often equated with groups like Daesh. But now, reality broke through:

- The Zionist regime bombed hospitals and received political cover from the West. Meanwhile, Hamas aired footage showing its fighters treating children and the elderly with compassion on October 7.

The Zionist regime cut off water, electricity, and food from Gaza. Freed Israeli hostages described being treated humanely and fed as well as possible by their Palestinian captors.

- The Zionist regime attempted to provoke civilian backlashes against the Resistance by engineering famine, homelessness, and forced displacement. Instead, the people of Gaza praised God, recited the Quran beside the bodies of their martyred children, and chanted pro-Resistance slogans.

- The Zionist regime struck refugee camps, schools, and food distribution centers. Yet Hamas fighters immobilized Israel’s military machinery for months in an almost depopulated northern Gaza.

- The Zionist regime accused resistance leaders of corruption and misusing foreign aid. But it was their children who were martyred alongside ordinary citizens in the most dangerous areas of Gaza.

All the weapons and tools of these crimes were supplied by the US and other Western powers. The glaring contradiction between media narratives and real-world atrocities created an unprecedented phenomenon: The Zionist regime lost its grip on global public opinion, and Palestine emerged not just as a Muslim concern, but as the world’s primary moral issue.

Most important, at the top of concerns

“We should be putting our energy towards something that actually matters. Maybe the lives of Palestinians in Gaza...”

Not a day or week passes without a public figure, an artist, political activist, or influencer in the West, uttering such a sentiment. From European parliaments to the US Congress, from sports arenas to tech expos and graduation ceremonies, Gaza and Palestine are the center of conversation. These examples that pop off in the media, however, are just the tip of the iceberg.

Western media report over 13,000 anti-Zionist protests in the US, over 5,000 across Europe, and nearly 2,000 across Latin America and Africa. Most striking among them was the encampments at American universities, where students demanded an end to institutional complicity with the Zionist regime, only to be met with brutal state repression. Meanwhile, global boycott movements against Israeli and affiliated corporations have led to staggering financial losses for companies like McDonald’s and Starbucks.

Recent polls in the US and Europe indicate record-low support for Israel and historic levels of solidarity with Palestine and the Resistance. Several European nations have issued arms embargo on the Zionist regime. Criminal officials of the regime now face charges of genocide at the International Court of Justice.

In the Islamic world, Gaza remains the axis of all regional developments. It influences relations in West Asia, Arab-Western diplomacy, and has dragged millions in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Pakistan into the streets for demonstrations. Most significantly, Gaza is the central focus in the 20-month-long war between the Resistance Front and the Zionist regime.

The Zionist regime has lost one front, and the world is waiting

From its inception, the Zionist movement has tried to portray itself as a victim of genocide, “an

oppressed people without a land" who entered a "land without a people" with the right to "self-defense." "Israeli civilians," we were told, were the victims of "Muslim terrorists" and "Arab savages," and the regime they created was framed as the "only democracy in the Middle East." This was the foundation for everything that unfolded in Palestine for the last 70 years and it was expected to culminate in total Zionist dominance by the early decades of the 21st century.

But that narrative has now collapsed.

The resistance of the people in Gaza has brought the world to a turning point. The loudest voices once demanding, "Do you condemn Hamas?" are now grilling Israeli officials in their own media. Questions once considered taboo are now openly asked, and limits in telling the truth have been removed:

Israel is not a country.

Zionists have no right to self-defense or to occupy in the Palestinian lands.

The Zionist regime must be dismantled.

The Palestinian people must be free to determine their own future government.

Just as saying these truths is no longer forbidden, neither should acting upon them be. In his 2025 Hajj message, Martyr Imam Khamenei had emphasized this very point, writing:

"The miraculous resistance of the people of Gaza, has put the Palestinian issue right at the top of the concerns of the Islamic world and all freedom-loving people around the world. This opportunity must be seized and efforts must be made to rush to the aid of this oppressed nation."

This is a historic opportunity for a historic justice. And all of us are the enforcers of justice in this court.



Choose the Right Side of History



Activists rally at Fontaine des Innocents in Paris, highlighting the destruction of Gaza's health system over three years of Israeli genocide and urging a boycott of the Israeli pharmaceutical brand Teva.



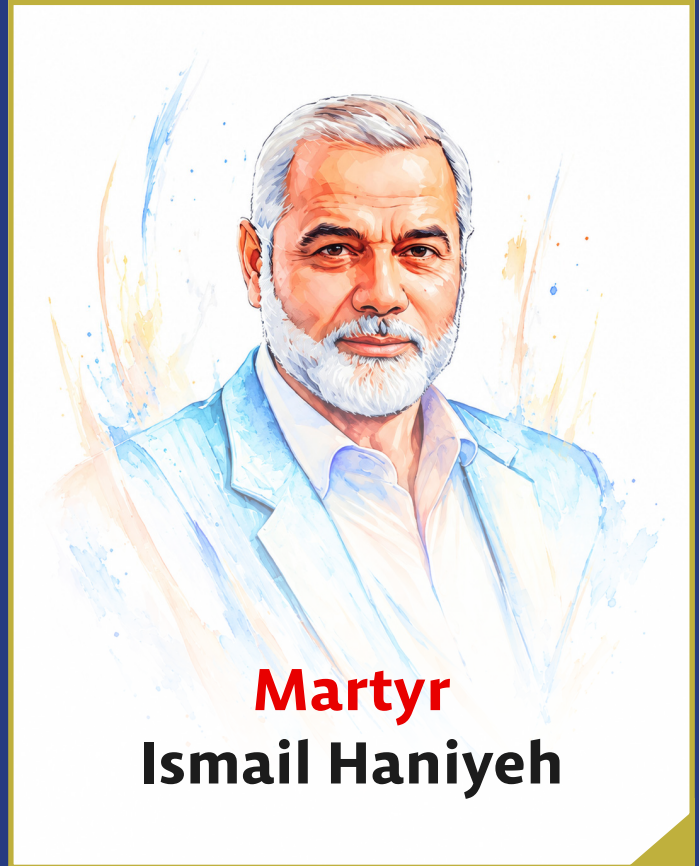
A moment with caravan of martyrs

Martyr Ismail Haniyeh

He was born on January 29, 1963, in the Shati refugee camp in the Gaza Strip — the camp where his parents had been displaced after the Nakba of 1948, when the Palestinian people were driven from their historic homeland, from the village of al-Jura near Ashkelon. The camp was not a home. It was a waiting room. And like every child born in that waiting room, Haniyeh grew up with a key to a house he had never seen and a map of a land he was never allowed to enter.

His political life began young, in the Islamic Bloc in the Gaza Strip, from which the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, would later emerge. In 1989, the Israeli occupation authorities imprisoned him for three years. Upon his release, he was exiled alongside a group of Hamas leaders to Marj al-Zuhour, on the border between Palestine and Lebanon. He returned to Gaza after a year, and in 1997, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of Hamas, appointed him as his office director.

In December 2005, he headed the "Change and Reform" electoral list, which won the majority of seats in the second Palestinian parliamentary elections in 2006. On February 16, 2006, Hamas nominated him for the post of Prime Minister, and on the 20th of that month, he was appointed. He served as Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority from March 29, 2006, until June 14, 2007. In May 2017, he was elected as the head of the political bureau of Hamas,



Martyr
Ismail Haniyeh

succeeding Khaled Meshaal.

During the Zionist regime's attacks on the Gaza Strip, three of his sons and three of his grandchildren were martyred in an airstrike on April 10, 2024. They had gone to offer congratulations on Eid al-Fitr to their relatives at the Shati camp. On June 24, ten members of his family, including his sister, were martyred when the Zionist army bombed their home in the Shati camp, west of Gaza City.

He did not waver. He did not retreat. He did not speak of his loss as a private grief, but as a public offering — a sacrifice placed on the same altar as every other Palestinian sacrifice, no greater and no lesser. He said that the blood of his martyred sons and grandchildren was not more precious than

the blood of the sons of the Palestinian people, and he thanked God for granting him the martyrdom of three of his sons and a number of his grandchildren.

On the morning of July 31, 2024, news spread that Ismail Haniyeh, who had come to Tehran to attend the inauguration of the Iranian president, had been martyred.

He was martyred in the path he had chosen from his youth: the path of Palestine, the

path of resistance, the path of a homeland that will never be forgotten.

He was, until the end, a man of the camps and the people — born in a refugee camp and raised among the displaced. He did not live to see the complete liberation of the land he loved. But he lived, and died, in the certainty that it would come. And in that certainty, he was not defeated. He was, in the fullest sense of the word, victorious.



Narrating the Art



“Allah will surely help those who help Him. Indeed Allah is all-strong, all-mighty.” (Quran, 22:40)

Many verses of the Quran speak of the divine promises Almighty God has made to His servants. One such promise is reserved for those who aid His religion in one way or another.

There are many ways to serve Islam. One of them is to fight against oppression and tyranny — to stand against any cruel individual or regime. This is precisely what the Palestinian people have done for more than seven decades.

One of the greatest and most glorious victories the Palestinian nation has ever achieved is, without a doubt, the Al-Aqsa Flood Operation. The mujahideen of Hamas and

the Palestinian resistance fighters, with the utmost faith in God and His promises, achieved remarkable victories and inflicted devastating blows on the terrorist Zionist regime on multiple fronts. Though fewer in number and less equipped than the Zionist usurpers, they shattered the illusion of invincibility and the deterrence it projected, which the Zionists had long cultivated in the minds of their enemies.

"How many a small party has overcome a larger party by Allah's will! And Allah is with the patient." (Quran, 2:249)

Al-Aqsa Flood was not merely a military operation — it was a sign that the decline of the Zionist regime is inevitable, and far closer than many imagine. It showed the world that the spirit of resistance among Palestinians can never be extinguished, and

that they are more determined than ever to defend their homeland and strive for the liberation of their country from the cruel grip of the Zionists.

Though they have suffered immensely and endured decades of pain and oppression since the Zionists set foot on their ancestral land, they have remained steadfast and refused to let the enemy achieve its malicious objectives. "It is very unlikely that the usurping Zionist regime will be able to restore those structures even with all the commotion that they are making and with all the support from the West. I would like to say that after Saturday, October 7 the Zionist regime will no longer be the regime it used to be."¹

1. From the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution's speech on Oct. 10, 2023



A word to my martyred Leader

In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

To our martyred Leader,

You were not only a leader to a nation — you were a father to millions. Not just to Iranians, but to people far beyond your borders. I am a British Pakistani, yet I felt your presence as a father figure in my life.

Your face carried warmth. Your presence brought comfort. Every time I saw you, it felt like returning home — like seeing the face of a loving, caring, elderly yet strong father who stood firm so that others would not fall.

I honour you not only as a leader of one group, but as a leader of the entire Ummah. Whether acknowledged or not, that is how I saw you, and that is how I will always remember you.

You taught us what resistance truly means. Not only resistance against oppression in the world, but resistance within the soul. You showed us

how to live the legacy of Imam al-Husayn (peace be upon him). The struggle is not only external — it is internal. The Hur within my soul struggles against the Yazid of my nafs. The Iran within me resists the forces that seek to dominate my spirit. The Palestine within me resists the occupier that seeks to consume it.

Through you, I learned that true resistance begins within. That dignity lies in refusing to submit to one's desires. You could have chosen ease. You could have accepted the demands placed upon you and gained the pleasures of this world. But you chose honour. You chose steadfastness. You chose truth.

Even those who opposed you knew this. Whether they admit it or not, there was respect for your firmness, your consistency, and your refusal to bow.

I love you. I feel as though I have been orphaned. Your loss is not political — it is personal.

I pray that Allah grants you the highest maqam, and reunites you with Imam al-Husayn (peace be upon him), whose path you carried and whose stand you embodied.

Rest now, my dear Leader. Your struggle continues within us. You will always be missed.

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