International Al-Quds Day Observed, 21 November 03

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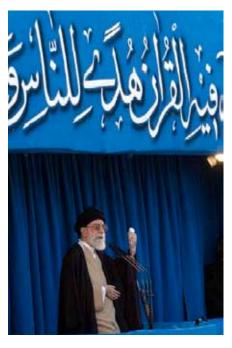
Iran's Imam Sayyed Ali Hussaini Khamenei declared the last Friday of Ramadan "International Al-Quds Day" [Jerusalem Day]. Urged Muslims worldwide to "raise their voices in the face of world arrogance."

The foundation of "Al-Quds International Day" on the last Friday of Ramadan was hailed throughout the Middle East when Iran's Imam Khamenei declared it in a Khutbah [sermon] in Tehran on Wednesday.

The *Tehran Times* predicted "that a strong public turnout at the Friday rallies to mark the International Quds Day would inflict a heavy blow onto the 'angry and resentful image' of the Zionist regime of Israel." After Imam Khamenei demanded; "Muslims must declare to the whole world that the Palestinian cause is the cause of the whole of the Islamic world. Muslims will not leave their brothers alone, but will raise their voices in the face of world arrogance, criminal Zionism and will declare their wrath on those aggressors," Imam Khamenei said.

Abdulvase Aloryani, Yemeni ambassador to Iran, stated in an interview with the *Mehr News Agency*: "Iran and Yemen stand on the same opinion regarding the Palestinian issue and both insist that the Palestinians build an independent country with Quds as its capital and that all Palestinians in exile return to their homeland. Quds day will continue until the victory of the Palestinian people and it will be more magnificent year by year.





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"Undoubtedly this day will have a large impact on the resistance spirit of the Palestinian people against the occupiers to continue their battle for the freedom of their homeland and their human rights.

"Quds day belongs not only to Muslims in Iran, rather it belongs to all Muslims in the world while large congregations will be held in Yemen to support the Palestinian people and the people of Yemen will state their support for the people of Palestine and their just cause along with the Muslims of the world," Ambassador Abdulvase Aloryani said.

Ahamd Jamal, the representative of the Islamic Resistance Movement [Hamas] in Yemen, told the *Mehr News Agency*,

"The Quds issue is not only a Palestinian issue; it is a global issue. Everyone is aware of the importance of Imam Khomeini's brilliant idea. The Imam considered the Quds issue to be the most important issue in the world of Islam and insisted that all Muslims should support the innocent Palestinian nation and foster unity among themselves for the liberation of Palestine. By proposing such a day Imam Khomeini caused all Muslims trying to take back Quds from the hands of the Zionist tyrants" Jamal said.

"Iran is the first defendant of Palestine and Intifada and the Palestinians will always remember this support and affection. I believe that the voice of Quds will exceed the limits of Palestine in the Muslim capitals of the world. We expect all of the honorable and free people of the world, with any belief they may have, to perform their humane duty which is helping innocent and mistreated people," he continued.

"The constant brutality of the Zionist Regime will never damage the Palestinian willpower for continuing resistance and Intifada because they are unjust and we are just and justice will always win over injustice and the Zionists have been left hopeless due to the constant fighting and resistance of the Palestinians.

"The Islamic Nation and the people of the world will hear the voices of the Palestinians on the International Day of Quds and the people of Palestine will continue to fight for their rights. Victory is undeniable yet requires patience, strength and sacrifice and this patience requires time. This voice which has arisen from Iran has not only taken over the capitals of Islamic countries; it has even taken over the Western world," the Hamas representative noted.

His eminence Imam Khomeini stated at a rally in Tehran on Wednesday, "The Palestinians have debilitated the enemy in front of their glorious Islamic resistance. Muslims must declare to the whole world that the Palestinian cause is the cause of the whole of the Islamic world. Muslims will not leave their brothers alone, but will raise their voices in the face of world arrogance, criminal Zionism and will declare their wrath on those aggressors.

"I also urge myself and you to fear Allah Almighty and the best way of doing that is through defiance and resistance against conspiracies, schemes and raids in all forms from the Satans, particularly the greatest of the Satans, America."

The entire Muslim Ummah is therefore demanded to "defy and resist" the U.S. and Zionist conspiracies. We believe defiance and resistance in America is as unlikely as a loud voice, since the Muslim Ummah is cowed, divided and bought. If Muslims in America today are united on ideological lines, they are equally as divided on class lines. The Palestinian cry for help shall go unanswered as the call for help has been unheard. Eid Mubarak.

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