

## Al Qaradawi Calls for Making Next Friday a “Day of Rage” to Help al-Aqsa

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Doctor Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Chairman of the International Union of Islamic Scholars, called for the Ulema of the Muslims on Monday to make next Friday a “Day of Rage” to rescue al Aqsa from the operations Israeli occupation authorities are preparing which aim at destroying it in preparation of building the alleged Temple in its place.

Qaradawi’s call came in his meeting at the Egyptian Press Union, where he asked that the topic of next Friday’s sermon in the mosques of Egypt and all the mosques of the Muslim world be the al Aqsa mosque and what is going on there, and what is being prepared for it on the part of Zionist enemy, calling on Muslims to pay their Zakat and charity contributions to help al Aqsa, and to support the inhabitants of the Holy City and the besieged people of Gaza to help them be firm in confronting the attempts of the Occupation to expel them from their houses in occupied Jerusalem, and in addition to supporting the steadfastness of the people of Gaza besieged for more than three years.

He asserted that buying the products of the enemy and of the Western countries which back it is indirect support for Israeli military forces, and helps it increase its aggression against our holy and sacred places, and to occupy more Arab land, emphasizing that the boycott is an important type of Jihad, and that every dollar we spend on an Israeli product means a bullet headed towards the chest of every Palestinian and every Arab.

He emphasized that Jihad with money is comparable to Jihad with life, and the prosperous must not begrudge their money to the Palestinian people, and to the inhabitants of the Holy City, especially to help them be firm in the face of plots to clear the city of its Arab people. What these prosperous advance to their Palestinian brethren we do not call a contribution, but it is Jihad in the way of God with money.

He indicated that the inhabitants of the Holy City and the besieged people of Gaza fit into the category of the children of the Way, the indebted, and Mujahidin in the Way of God, who deserve Zakat money and charity contributions, and all kinds of support, and that the Sharia ruling is that if a Muslim land is occupied, the inhabitants of this land must defend it, and wage Jihad to liberate it, and if they are unable to do so due to lack of money, men and arms, the Muslims near to them must help them and wage Jihad with them.

He added that if those people are also incapable, the obligation to liberate the usurped land becomes incumbent on all Muslims. This is now the state of the Palestinian Cause, which is the cause of all Muslims in all parts of the world. With them are the noble persons from other communities, who aid the right and justice.

### Feebleness of the Regimes

Doctor Qaradawi was amazed at some Arab and Muslim governments which forbade peaceful demonstrations protesting Israeli aggression against the blessed al-Aqsa,

describing them as not doing anything to help the Cause, and not allowing the people to fulfill part of their humanitarian and religious obligations towards Jerusalem and al Aqsa, which are incumbent upon them.

He wondered where the joint Arab defense pact was, and where were the armies which spend millions of dollars on armaments. We don't find them making an effective effort when the Zionists attack the Holy Places, violate the sacred areas, and make the blood of Palestinians flow in rivers!

He asserted that the Muslim Umma despite the ignominy in which it lives and the disasters which besiege it, is a living Umma, which will never die, God Almighty permitting. History is the best witness, it having triumphed over nine Crusades, and liberated al Aqsa and Jerusalem after ninety years of Crusader occupation, at the hand of Nur al Din Mamoud and Saladin al Ayoubi, the Kurd, who Islam made an Arab.

In addition, they twice triumphed over the Mongols, who slaughtered millions of Muslims after they smote Baghdad, the first at Ayn Jalut at the hand of Sayf al Din Qataz, and second when these attackers went out and embraced Islam willingly. For the first time history records the conqueror entering the religion of the conquered!

He urged fatwas preventing Muslims from visiting Jerusalem with Israeli visas, considering this a kind of normalization with the usurper entity, and fulfilling the plans of this entity which has usurped Arab land, and the promoting and supporting of their airlines. At the same time he asserted that a Palestinian visitor permit for occupied Jerusalem even on an Israeli visa along the '48 Arab lines supports the Arab presence in Jerusalem and thwarts the attempts to clear the city of its Arab inhabitants with the goal of completing Judaization measures.

He asserted that it is not possible to lose hope in the Muslim Umma which bears the Final Message, noting that while hope may be lost in some ruling regimes, but hope is not to be lost in all of them, indicating that the state of Muslims today is like their state during the Mongol and Crusader campaigns when some thought that the Umma had died, but it soon revealed its basic essence, shook itself awake and liberated itself from all attackers, and regained its land and holy places.

He stressed that the spirit of Jihad still exists but it lies amidst the ashes, and awaits the opportunity to set forth on the road to liberate the land of the holy places from the Jewish occupier, pointing out that one day a group of young men came to desiring Jihad in Palestine. He marveled at their enthusiasm and ardor for martyrdom on the land of encampment, and advised them to be patient especially after they found many obstacles from their countries, which prevented their going to the field of martyrdom on the land of Palestine.

He concluded his speech by preaching to the audience against the Zionist enemy, "Oh God, bring down on them Your 'punishment which cannot be averted from the guilty people.' [Quran 6:147]" asserting that we must prepare to confront the enemy with the

weapon of rockets and the weapon of preaching, because preaching is the weapon of the believer. Both together are our way to deliver the holy places and to liberate the land from the usurping Jews.