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Gaza: A Spark That Will Not Be Extinguished

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Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

To begin:

Allah (swt) willed, and with Allah (swt) is the Decision, in the past and in the future, that from the Blessed Land, from Gaza the Dignified, the Al-Aqsa Flood should surge forth with all that it carried, so that its effects would spread across the entire world. Thus, it stands in history as great events and momentous occurrences stand, those events written in blood, yet which, by Allah's (swt) permission, bear their fruits even if after some time.

Indeed, this flood was an astonishing scene: when criminality on the land of Gaza stood face to face with heroism; when tanks, aircraft, and the most advanced weapons directed their torrents of vengeance and vileness toward children, severing their limbs and burning their bodies, while adding starvation to this. Thus, a great trial was met by great patience. Behind the Jewish entity lined up the hyenas of the earth and the columns of the oppressors – the Firaun (Pharaoh) and his henchmen, and Jalut (Goliath) with his soldiers - confronted by a small band of believing, mujahid fighters under siege, steadfast mothers, and heroic Mujahideen.

Yes, there was in Al-Aqsa Flood what there was. Then, when the ferocity of the war in the Gaza Strip - the epicenter of the event - subsided, some imagined that the matter had ended, that the battle had been concluded or decided, and that the enemy had exacted from that noble Ummah what it sought and achieved a victory. However, the reality is far from that!

Whoever thinks the Al-Aqsa Flood has receded is mistaken, and whoever thinks the battle has ended is deluded.

Yes, the criminal oppressors wanted it to retreat and to break, but they misjudged. Perhaps this very misjudgment will lead to their ruin. For the war of the blessed Al-Aqsa Flood runs far deeper in its impact than they suppose; its reach extends far beyond the battlefield; and its effects will last much longer than many imagine.

As for the war being broader than the battlefield of Gaza, every person of sight and insight has seen Al-Aqsa Flood's effects across the whole world. The Al-Aqsa Flood first shattered the aura of the Jewish entity, exposing the naked truth of its weakness beyond concealment, and shattering its deterrence and arrogance beyond repair. Its frenzy of brutality was nothing but a failed attempt to restore deterrence — an attempt enabled by the rulers of Muslims, may Allah (swt) curse them.

Moreover, the Al-Aqsa Flood's events destroyed the image the Jewish entity had built since its establishment, upon lies and claims of victimhood, until the peoples of the earth came to see it as a damned devil spurned by those peoples, despised even

within the states of its patrons, and among the citizens who facilitate it. The governments that support it have become subject to accusation, denunciation, and accountability before their own peoples, with no difference between Europe and America, nor between right and left. University students were joined by journalists, politicians, and wide segments of society.

Yes, the Jewish entity has fallen globally as though, by its own criminality, it is uprooting its existence with its own hands, and ushering in the preludes to its downfall. It relies on foreign powers for its survival, so the saying of Allah (swt) comes true regarding them, ﴿يُخْرِبُونَ بِيُوْتِهِمْ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ وَأَيْدِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فَاعْتَرُوا يَا أُولَئِكَ الْأَبْصَار﴾ “**They destroyed their houses with their own hands and the hands of the believers. So take a lesson from this, O people of insight!**” [TMQ Surah Al-Hashr: 2].

Along with it fell false Western values and the institutions built upon them. Certainly, these are the preludes of decline, by Allah's (swt) permission.

As for Al-Aqsa Flood's effects being longer-lasting than they imagine: the images of crime witnessed by the entire world on screens everywhere will not be erased so easily. The faces of the criminals have been etched into minds; the collaborators and conspirators have been branded. History cannot be turned back especially as the Jewish entity continues its crimes, growing in insolence, arrogance, and corruption so that its destruction will be at the hands of its own fools, ﴿ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَعْقُلُونَ﴾ “**That is because they are a people with no real understanding**” [TMQ Surah Al-Hashr: 14].

And as for its deeper impact: this Flood has stirred what was stagnant within the Ummah, confirming that the Aqeedah of Islam remains alive in the souls of its people and continues to bear fruit, sacrifice, Jihad, martyrdom, and heroism that the world stands in awe of, and respects, just as their forefathers among the Companions (ra), and their predecessors throughout history did. It confirmed that, within the Ummah of Muhammad (saw), there are still those who trade their souls seeking Allah's (swt) pleasure, as the Mujahideen revived the concept of martyrdom and restored the meaning of Jihad: the image of the fearless believer barefoot atop tanks; the fighter who memorizes the Book of Allah (swt); the martyr in the sajdah prostration...

Yes, Al-Aqsa Flood was immense in its impact, revealing that the body of this Ummah is still alive - pride coursing through it, as pain does.

Yet it also revealed that this living body is ailing. True, Gaza was the epicenter of pain and the site of the wound and bleeding, but the body of the Ummah is the one afflicted.

It showed that the Ummah's problem is greater than the plight of afflicted Gaza. Otherwise, how are heroes abandoned and Mujahideen left without support? How are children starved and left to die by fire, cold, and the severity of siege? How do noble women weep, and chaste women are displaced to sleep on roads, while the vile enemy swells with pride in its criminality and vengeance? All this unfolds in Gaza; Gaza that is not on the periphery, but at the heart of its Ummah, encircled by the Ummah like a bracelet around the wrist!

The Al-Aqsa Flood made clear to the Ummah, beyond any doubt, that what prevents it from defending itself, tending its wounds, and rescuing its children is none other than the agent rulers - the betraying, cowardly conspirators.

The rulers wanted Al-Aqsa Flood's waves to break. It terrified them, those who conspired against the Ummah's revolutions with counter-revolutions, and thought they had extinguished their breath to see the Ummah's spark of life flare again, and prove impossible to bury. They feared Al-Aqsa Flood would shake their thrones, so they besieged it, alongside the enemy, and conspired; they restrained armies and sealed borders.

The cowards justified their betrayal with claims of weakness and incapacity to confront the Jewish entity. But the truth is they wanted Gaza to be an example and a warning to the peoples. They forgot that the final outcome lies in Allah's (swt) Hand, ﴿وَلِلّٰهِ عٰلِيٰةُ الْاٰمُورِ﴾ “And with Allah rests the outcome of all affairs” [TMQ Surah Al-Hajj: 41].

They also forgot the fate of those who take Allah's (swt) enemies as allies and conspire with them as though they had not read Allah's (swt) saying, ﴿فَتَرَى الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ يُسَارِعُونَ فِيهِمْ يَقُولُونَ تَحْشَى أَنْ تُصِيبَنَا دَاهِرَةٌ فَعَسَى اللّٰهُ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِالْفَتْحِ أَوْ أَمْرٍ مِّنْ عِنْدِهِ فَيُصِيبُهُمْ عَلٰى مَا أَسْرُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ نَادِيْمِنَ﴾ “You see those with sickness in their hearts racing for their guardianship, saying in justification, “We fear a turn of fortune will strike us.” But perhaps Allah will bring about your victory or another favour by His command, and they will regret what they have hidden in their hearts” [TMQ Surah Al-Maidah: 52].

Finally: What we have outlined of the effects of Al-Aqsa Flood deserves to be built upon. This is the Shariah role and obligation of the ulema, and the responsibility of the movements and influentials working for the revival and salvation of this Ummah. The immense energy unleashed by Al-Aqsa Flood must be invested. Placed in the hands of the ulema and doers of good deeds, is an opportunity that must be seized with a bold, clear address to the Ummah, matching the boldness of events, without hesitation or embarrassment; and with investing these events at a level befitting that pure blood toward the unification of the Ummah; the establishment of its Deen and its state; the revival of Jihad; the removal of these treacherous rulers; the mobilization of armed forces, foremost among them the armies, and the completion of the battle until liberation.

As for the people of Gaza, Allah (swt) would never allow their Iman, their Jihad, or their blood to be lost. Perhaps that pure blood which watered the sands of Gaza has combined two outcomes: a blessing, as it became a window for many non-Muslims to Islam through wondrous Sabr and wondrous Iman; and a curse upon the Jewish entity and upon all oppressors, conspirators, and betrayers. Allah (swt) said, ﴿فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ الْعٰلِيَةَ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ﴾ “So be patient! Surely the ultimate outcome belongs only to the righteous” [TMQ Surah Hud: 49]. Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَاللّٰهُ غٰلِبٌ عَلٰى أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ “And Allah is dominant over His Affair, but most people do not know” [TMQ Surah Yusuf: 21].

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