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There is no deity but ALLAH and Muhammad (upon whom be peace) is the messenger of ALLAH

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On-going Israeli/Palestine Conflict

The Anjuman Sunnat-ul-Jamaat Association Inc. has been monitoring the on-going Israeli/Palestine conflict which escalated during the Holy Month of Ramadaan together with the incursion of Masjid al Aqsa.

We are aware of recent events unfolding at the Blessed Masjid Al-Aqsa sanctuary that includes the Qibali Masjid and the Qubbat as-Sakhrah or Dome of the Rock Masjid that is at the heart of Al-Aqsa complex in Jerusalem. These events have intensified and deepened across Israel and the Gaza Strip causing immeasurable loss of human life and damage to private and public property and infrastructure.

We are attentive to the general protections provided by the **4th Geneva Convention and its 1977 Protocols** and other international treaties that contain important rules limiting the barbarity of war, that can affect persons who do not take part in the fighting including civilians, medics, and aid workers and those who can no longer fight including the wounded, sick and shipwrecked troops and prisoners of war. We are also conscious of the **The Hague Convention and the implementation of the 2018 United Nations Resolution** on the protection of Palestinian civilians. We are also mindful of the responsibilities imposed upon all concerned under international and humanitarian law in particular those responsibilities associated to the **Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court** and the **4th Geneva Convention**.

We therefore take this opportunity to affirm that the ASJA believes:

1. That all peoples are united by common bonds, their cultures pieced together in a shared heritage, and that this fragile mosaic of human connections can be easily fractured
2. That during this century millions of women, children and men have been victims of unimaginable atrocities that deeply disturb the conscience of humanity and that such events threaten the peace, security and well-being of a world that is presently battling a viral pandemic and will soon face the uncertainties of economic catastrophe in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, we have noted with deep interest the contents of the **Balfour Declaration, (November 2, 1917)**, which supported the **"the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people,"** and that the concluding caveat of this declaration explicitly states that **"nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine."**

The Quran says: **"The Truth has come and falsehood vanished. Surely falsehood is ever bound to vanish."** — 17: 81. Correspondingly, baseless conjecture cannot stand against truth: **"Surely conjecture will not avail at all against the Truth."** — 10: 36.

This compels us to base our views on facts, as far as they can be gathered. We are cautioned not to follow vanity in making decisions. The Quran therefore reminds humanity that the passage of time provides testimony that: **"... man is surely in a state of loss, except those who believe and do good works, and exhort one another to Truth, and urge one another to patience."** — Ch. 103.

We therefore call upon all the parties concerned to lay down their arms and to return to the truth and come to a just agreement on the way forward. A plan that avoids the dehumanization of any party, or one that encourages contempt for human life or destroys the possibility of peace.

*Best Regards
Yours respectfully,*



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