



Our Narrative...

AL-AQSA FLOOD

**Two Years of Steadfastness
and the Will for Liberation**

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Introduction

Over two harrowing years, our Palestinian people have forged an epic of steadfastness and resilience in the face of the most ferocious military campaigns aimed at breaking their will, dismantling their unity, and forcing them into surrender. They have stood firm to their resistant identity until the final lines of this epic were written.

These were two years in which the Israeli occupation committed the most savage massacres and genocide humanity has ever witnessed, waging one of the most brutal wars of extermination known to the modern era, as it was waged within the framework of a bloody, settler-colonial ideology that has been ongoing since the Nakba of 1948. It was not merely a temporary reaction but an embodiment of the criminal project's core aim: to deny Palestinian existence, through displacement, starvation, and the brutal destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, mosques, and churches across the Gaza Strip.

The Gaza war manifested a stark equation: the more intense the aggression, the more cohesive and determined the Palestinian people became in their quest for freedom. As two years of genocide conclude, Palestinians emerge more confident in their ability to survive, while the Israeli entity emerges burdened by psychological defeat and a loss of deterrence. Its narrative has collapsed, and it has begun to transform into an isolated and pariah entity.

October 2023 ,7, was no sudden event; it was another chapter in the ongoing struggle with the Israeli occupation. The Al-Aqsa Flood operation is not a passing memory but the foundation of

a historic, pivotal stage in the journey of our cause—a stage in which the Zionist narrative was exposed in its own strongholds across the world. The true nature of this enemy was laid bare before the peoples of humanity, it was placed in the dock of international courts, its defeat was proven possible, and Palestine advanced in the global battle for consciousness, heralding a change in the unjust environment that allowed this entity to grow through treachery and aggression.

For two years, the Palestinian people presented the finest of humanity's qualities: faith, sacrifice, steadfastness, perseverance, pride, and dignity. Today, our people stand at the juncture of ending the unjust war on the Gaza Strip, to heal their wounds and magnify the fruits of their resilience. Having shaken the Zionist society in occupied Palestine to its core, plunging it into military, security, economic, political, and moral crises, the world has come to understand the true criminal and brutal nature of this occupation.

We will not forget the blood of our children, women, elderly, and sick, nor the pains of our prisoners who endured the most severe forms of abuse. The comprehensive destruction will not make us forget our cities, neighborhoods, and refugee camps; our homes, mosques, churches, schools, hospitals, gardens, or our roaring seashores; nor the tombstones of our loved ones that were bulldozed. Nothing can erase our memory or the identity of our dreams, rooted deep in this land to which we rightfully and deservedly belong.

This insane aggression has revealed an entity that does not belong to humanity and knows no meaning of peace. It is a racist, savage and insurgent entity, supported by deceitful and oppressive countries that deceive the world with slogans of peace, justice, and humanity while being direct partners in the crime.

These were great sacrifices from a great people. Over 77 years, the occupation has only increased the Palestinian people's determination to continue their struggle to reclaim their land and holy sites. The betrayal, horrific siege, and regional and international inaction in confronting the occupation have only strengthened their faith in God and their resolve to continue the path of liberation and return.

The Al-Aqsa Flood operation has proven that our people cannot be extinguished, their action will not cease, and their revolution will not be silenced. It has revealed an astonishingly resilient society and valiant knights (freedom fighters) indifferent to their occupier's horrors. This towering wave of our resistance - ongoing for 77 years - sees nothing on its horizon but liberation, return, and Jerusalem, with an unwavering resolve, unyielding steadfastness, and a certainty in God's victory and empowerment of His striving Mujahideen (freedom fighters). The Zionist project has failed to understand the nature of the Palestinian people, their Arab and Islamic identity, their deep historical roots, their civilization and human depth. It has not realized that its fate will be like that of every wave of invasion that has targeted our blessed, holy land throughout history: it will either be expelled from it or buried within it.



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Chapter One: The Motivations and Contexts of the Al-Aqsa Flood

1. Historical Background

The October 7 was not the beginning of the war; it was the natural outcome of a -77year occupation since 1948, during which our people were displaced by the Zionist occupation. From the very first moment, the Zionist mindset has been an exterminatory, settler-colonial, aggressive one that practices apartheid and ethnic cleansing. Over the past decades, it has employed every method to uproot and displace the Palestinian people, denying them all forms of sovereignty over their land and self-determination, benefiting from the Western, particularly the US administration, cover. The Al-Aqsa Flood came as part of the legitimate state of resistance waged by our people against the occupation, which reached its peak under the fascist right-wing government. It was a natural response to confronting the strategic challenge facing the Palestinian cause.

2. The Failure of the Settlement Path

The Israelis systematically and deliberately sabotaged the political settlement path with the Palestinian Authority, using the cover of negotiations to further Judaize and expropriate the Palestinian land. They multiplied the number of Jewish settlers in the West Bank from about 280,000 in 1993 after the signing of the Oslo Accords to approximately 950,000 in 2023. Netanyahu—who served as Prime Minister from –1996 1999 and then for most of the period from 2009 until now—has repeatedly declared his opposition to the





Oslo Accords, openly sought to undermine them, and clearly stated he would prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state, which he is actively doing on the ground. As a result, Palestinians lost all hope of establishing an independent state, even on a part of their land. This reached a point where the peaceful Great March of Return in 2018 cried out to the world to remind it of Palestinian rights, but found no listening ears.

3. The Rise of Israeli Extremism and the Targeting of the West Bank and Jerusalem

In late 2022, the most extremist Israeli government was formed, as the right-wing Likud allied with the Religious Zionism and other extremist, fascist parties to determine the fate of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem, and the West Bank, imposing the Zionist vision by force. The most extremist ministers were given the most sensitive Palestinian files: Itamar Ben-Gvir assumed the Ministry of National Security, opening the doors wide to the suppression of the Palestinian people and facilitating the plans to storm into Al-Aqsa Mosque and Judaize Jerusalem. The pace of Judaizing Al-Aqsa Mosque was accelerated, portending catastrophic consequences, through daily incursions and attempts to impose temporal and spatial division in Al-Aqsa Mosque under the protection of the occupation army—a scene that reproduces the Nakba in the heart of Jerusalem.

Bezalel Smotrich—in addition to the Ministry of Finance—was given authority over the so-called Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank, overseeing settlement expansion there and managing its natural

resources. He has never ceased his efforts to annex the West Bank and turn its cities, towns and villages into isolated cantons, eliminating any possibility of an independent Palestinian state. Furthermore, Netanyahu stood before the United Nations (UN) just days before October 2023 ,7 to display a map of all historical Palestine (including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip) under the name «Israel»—a brazen declaration of his intentions and projects.

4. Gaza: Imprisoned Under a Suffocating Siege

Gaza was not distant from this Israeli targeting. On October 2023 ,1 - one week before the Al-Aqsa Flood operation – then-Israeli Shin Bet chief Ronen Bar presented a plan to the occupation army's chief Herzi Halevi and other senior security officials to liquidate\ eliminate the Hamas leadership in the Gaza Strip and requested Netanyahu's authorization, but did not grant it at that time. This came while the Gaza Strip was suffering under a suffocating blockade imposed for 17 years, its people deprived of their most basic rights to movement, travel, and normal life, and access to essential goods, as a punishment against them for electing a resistance government. Gaza had become the world's largest open-air prison, and it was a matter of time for the people of Gaza to «bang on the walls of the tank» - as martyred writer Ghassan Kanafani said - in rejection of the slow death inside that great prison.

5. The Suffering of Prisoners

Thousands of Palestinian prisoners in the occupation's prisons suffered all forms of repression, abuse,





humiliation, and slow death, with no political horizon for their release. All of this constituted a blatant assault on human dignity and the most basic prisoner rights under international law. When the Al-Aqsa Flood operation was launched, approximately five thousand prisoners were still held in Israeli occupation prisons.

6. The Failure of the International Community

The international institutions, specifically the UN and the Security Council, failed to seriously address the issue of Palestine. These institutions suffered from a state of paralysis and ineffectiveness while «Israel» acted as a state above the law under the American-Western support. The pace of Judaization, normalization, and projects to erase the Palestinian cause accelerated, as the American-Zionist alliance sought to integrate the occupation into the region, bury the Palestinian cause, and turn it into a «file from the past» through successive waves of normalization deals. Despite a large arsenal of UN resolutions in favor of Palestine—until the end of September 2023, the General Assembly and the Security Council had issued 1,180 resolutions—none of them were implemented over 75 years. So what would the world expect from a dignified people who seek to reclaim their freedom and rights?!

7. The Continuation of the Palestinian Revolution

The Palestinian people continued their revolutions since 1920, until in May 1939 they secured an official British commitment to abolish the Balfour Declaration and establish an independent Palestinian state on all of Palestine within ten years; but Britain reneged on its promises. Then, under Western-American influence, the UN voted in 1947 to partition Palestine into two

states (Jewish and Palestinian) in a resolution that deprived the Palestinian people of their right to self-determination, without consulting them and despite owning %94 of the land. Nevertheless, the Zionists established «Israel» by force and ethnic cleansing on %77 of historical Palestine, and a Palestinian state was not allowed to be established. Palestinian revolutions and uprisings continued in waves that ebb and flow but never cease. The Al-Aqsa Flood operation is just a new wave in these successive waves. The Palestinian resistance had repeatedly warned that this explosion was inevitable if the aggression and siege continued; thus, the strike on October 2023 ,7 came with a force equal to the pain inflicted upon our people and to the level of injustice they endured, confirming to the entire world that all conspiracies and pressures will not break the will of this people.

Chapter Two: The Al-Aqsa Flood – The Day of Glorious Crossing (October 7, 2023)

1. The Moment of Truth

The Al-Aqsa Flood operation on October 2023 ,7, constituted the moment of truth that reshaped the conflict's equation after years of siege and international neglect. Palestinian anger erupted in an unprecedented act led by the fighters of the resistance after the world had closed all doors on a people demanding their basic right to life and freedom.

This operation was not an adventure or an emotional act, but a calculated step that expresses the will to hope and correct the historical course. The sons of Palestine undertook it with awareness, planning, faith in God, and confidence in the justice of their cause, believing that sacrifice is the path to salvation, and that defending Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa is a non-compromised right. It was a moment of immense sacrifice where the Palestinians wanted to tell the world: We are not victims forever, but a people fighting for their dignity, refusing to be passive witnesses to the loss of their homeland.



2. Widespread Popular Support

The operation was met with unprecedented popular Palestinian support and became a symbol of unity around the resistance option. A poll by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (published on December 13, 2023) showed that 72% of Palestinians considered Hamas's decision to launch the attack correct, and 69% expressed satisfaction with Hamas's performance, compared to only 11% who expressed satisfaction with the Palestinian Authority's performance.

These results came despite the violent aggression launched by the Israeli entity and major military coalitions that resulted in over 15,000 martyrs, 36,000 wounded, and the displacement of two-thirds of the Gaza's population by the time this poll was conducted.

This overwhelming popular rallying around the resistance—at the peak of the tragedy—was a clear message that the Palestinian people are committed to the option of steadfastness and confrontation, despite the heavy cost.



3. The Historic Day of Crossing

October 7 was a pivotal day in Palestinian history. For the first time since the Zionist\Israeli entity was established 75 years ago, the resistance was able to execute a field maneuver, successfully breaching and controlling all lines of the occupation army surrounding the Gaza Strip, neutralizing hundreds of soldiers, and seizing complete positions in just a few hours. This left the occupation in a state of shock from the magnitude of the blow, which its leaders considered an existential battle and its second «War of Independence,» later naming it «Operation Iron Swords.»

That day was a Palestinian crossing into a new equation in the global consciousness. It proved that the resistance is capable of breaking the image of the «invincible» army, and that the will for liberation is stronger than any military arsenal.



Chapter Three:

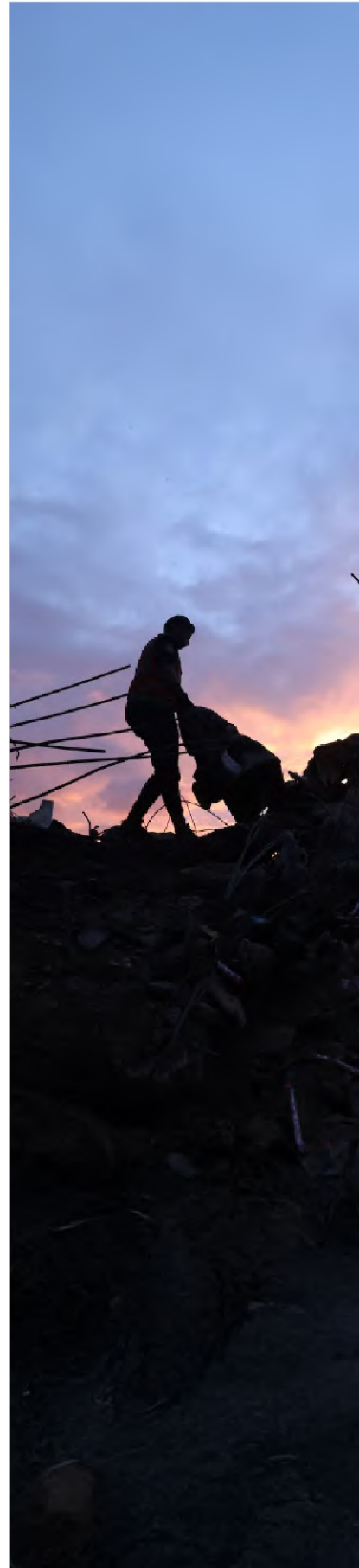
Investigation into the October 7 Attack – Yes to Uncovering the Truth

From the very first moment of the October 7 attack, the Israeli entity attempted to distort the truth. It launched a global disinformation machine, involving Western media and Zionist lobby groups, to transform the legitimate military operation—which targeted the Israeli army’s Gaza Division, a military unit that had perpetuated killing and siege against Gaza—into claims about targeting civilians and children.

The Israeli entity promoted a series of lies and fallacies about killing children and raping women, paving the way to proceed with an all-out genocide project that was pre-planned and aimed to erase Gaza from existence. In the same context, from the earliest days of the attack, the resistance offered to release non-military Israeli prisoners. However, the Israeli entity rejected this offer and only accepted it during a brief week-long truce in November 2023, during which approximately one hundred prisoners were released.

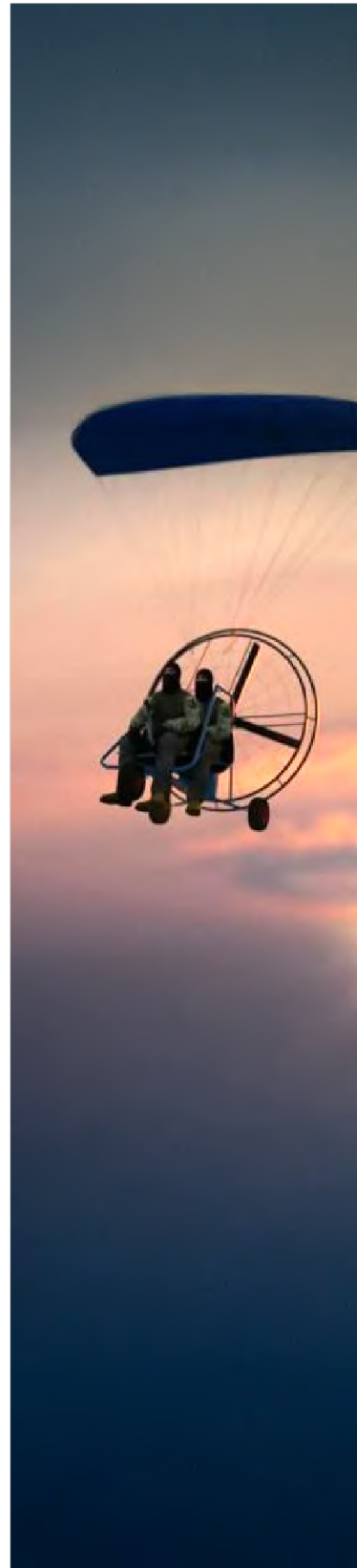
We have previously discussed the Israeli allegations and lies propagated against the resistance, and there is no need to repeat them here, especially after their falsehood was proven by independent international investigations. However, because the Israeli entity’s leaders continue to brazenly repeat their lies, we affirm the following:

- Killing civilians is not part of our religion, morality, or education; and we avoid it whenever we can.
- Killing civilians, committing brutal massacres, and ethnic cleansing are original Zionist behaviors since



this entity's establishment, and there are thousands of conclusive pieces of evidence that prove this, leaving no room for doubt or debate.

- Serious Israeli journalistic and media investigations have admitted that the Israeli army bombed areas where Israeli civilians were intermixed with Al-Qassam mujahideen (fighters), as part of what is known as the «Hannibal» procedure aimed at preventing the potential capture of Israeli soldiers. It has also been revealed that a large number of reserve soldiers and conscripts were wearing civilian clothes or were off military duty during the attack.
- During the Al-Aqsa Flood operation on October 7, the resistance did not target any hospital, school, or house of worship; it did not kill a single journalist or any member of ambulance crews. We challenge the entity to prove otherwise.
- We challenge the Israelis to allow for an impartial international investigation into the claims of Israeli civilian deaths on October 7, just as we challenge them to agree for an impartial, neutral international investigation into the crimes they have committed against the Palestinian people, particularly during their recent war on Gaza.



Chapter Four: The Course of the War on Gaza

1. The War of Genocide

The war waged by the Israeli entity against the Gaza Strip was characterized by unprecedented brutality, in a desperate attempt to restore its lost image of deterrence and prestige following October 7. Its true objective was not to release the Israeli prisoners; instead, it aimed to commit the maximum possible number of massacres against civilians, destroying homes, schools, hospitals, places of worship, and infrastructure, as well as imposing starvation and mass displacement on Gaza's population. This was the first genocide broadcast live, with its atrocities documented in sound and image for the entire world to witness, moment by moment.

2. An Eliminationist Mindset

Throughout this war, the political and military leadership of the Israeli entity followed an eliminationist mindset that does not only deny the Palestinians' political rights but their basic humanity. Israeli leaders and officials public statements brazenly legitimized the destruction of the Gaza Strip and the killing of its people, including then-Defense Minister Yoav Gallant who described Gaza's population as «human animals.» Numerous international groups documented the Israeli entity's crimes against children, women, and elderly; as well as targeting the displaced people in their shelters, patients in hospitals, medical crews, and civilian queues outside relief and aid centers.

The Toll of Destruction and Casualties Over Two Years

Martyrs and Wounded

As of early October 2025, over

67,100

people whose bodies reached hospitals were killed, including nearly **20,000** children and 12,500 women. In addition, there are around **9,500** others still under the rubble or counted as missing. **The number of wounded** reached about

169,500

Urban Destruction

%95

of the Gaza Strip's schools sustained material damage; most hospitals and healthcare centers, mosques and places of worship were destroyed. Airstrikes targeted almost all the displaced people's shelters, turning them into mass graves. Approximately **268,000** housing units were completely destroyed, and another **153,000** were partially destroyed.

Starvation and Siege

Most of Gaza's residents suffered from starvation due to the siege and the prevention of the basic food supplies. The Israeli entity employed what can be described as «starvation engineering» to subjugate the population through collective deprivation of food, water, and medicine—a crime of collective punishment and a defined genocide under international law. **540 aid workers** were killed while performing their duties, and **2,605 civilians** were killed while seeking aid in what were termed as «death traps,» as people queuing to receive aid from the American-Israeli aid **distribution centers were directly bombarded and hit.**

4. The War on Truth

The Israeli entity targeted the truth itself by killing journalists and preventing media access. During the war, 254 journalists and media workers were killed—a number exceeding the total killed in World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Ukraine combined. The Israeli entity also prevented foreign media from entering the Gaza Strip, in an attempt to obscure evidence of its crimes and to silence\kill the local voices that document these crimes.

5. Prisoners and Corpses

After two years of war, approximately 3,400 prisoners from the Gaza Strip were held by the Israeli entity, with almost half of them released in the exchange deals. Their bodies bore witness to the torture, starvation, and abuses they endured. As for the bodies returned after the war, they revealed the horrors of field executions and systematic torture, with many delivered blindfolded and with hands and feet bound. Evidence also showed the gruesome and unethical theft of human organs from some corpses. We call on the specialized international groups to inspect by themselves these bodies and document the horrific extent of the Israeli crimes and grave violations.

6. Palestinian Steadfastness

The Palestinian people surprised the world with their ability to persevere, challenge, and hold onto their land. The enemy failed to extract a single moment of weakness or a look of defeat from any Palestinian. No white flag was raised in Gaza despite the intensity of pain and wounds. The Gaza Strip became a global school of faith, patience, and steadfastness, presenting unique models of sacrifice and heroism, inspiring the entire world with the meaning of faith and dignity.

7. Return to the North

The world was amazed by the determination of the Palestinian people to cling to their land and rejecting displacement. We saw awe-inspiring scenes of hundreds of thousands of displaced people returning to the devastated northern Gaza within a few days following the January 2025 ceasefire, despite the massive destruction there. Then, crowds returned once more to their demolished homes and areas after the declaration of ending the war in October 2025—even after the enemy re-bombed what was already destroyed. This people proved their attachment to their land regardless of the sacrifices.

8. The Martyred Leaders

The Palestinian people offered their senior and top leaders as martyrs in defense of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem, Palestine, and within the liberation project. Many of the leaders' children, grandchildren, along with dozens of their relatives, were killed, embodying the concept of true leadership that stands at the forefront and fights alongside its people, and providing the highest example of sacrifice and steadfastness.

9. The Performance of the Resistance on the Ground

The Palestinian resistance demonstrated ingenuity on the battlefield, exhausting enemy forces in every inch of the Gaza Strip. It established a new military school in urban and liberation warfare that can be taught in today's military colleges worldwide. Despite the massive American, British, and German support, the Israeli army failed to achieve a decisive victory over a besieged, resisting people - who were confined to a narrow area and deprived of weapons and supplies, - and was ultimately forced to stop the war and agree to a ceasefire.

10. Losses of the Entity

The Israeli entity incurred heavy losses it attempted to conceal. In February 2025, the new Israeli army chief, Eyal Zamir, admitted to 5,942 soldiers killed, while medical reports indicated approximately 13,000 Israeli fatalities in Gaza, Lebanon, and the West Bank.

The Bank of Israel estimated the war's cost at about 100\$ billion over two years, while Smotrich announced a similar figure of 89.4\$ billion. The army lost around 2,850 tanks, bulldozers, and military vehicles by January 2025. Reports also spoke of a reverse migration reaching 470,000 during the first two months after the Al-Aqsa Flood operation, escape of investments, and paralysis in tourism and certain economic sectors.

11. The Unity of Gazan Society

The Palestinian people thwarted all enemy attempts to create alternative or complicit bodies within Gaza. Thanks to the awareness of Palestinian clans and families, Gazan society remained an impenetrable barrier against infiltration or division, proving a rare cohesion in the darkest of circumstances.

12. Civilian Heroes

Doctors, paramedics, journalists, civil defense personnel, and police officers were at the heart of the battle, performing their duty to save lives and document crimes. They made immense sacrifices, participating with their blood to protect the truth and serve their people in the history's harshest moments.

13. Support from Resistance Forces

Resistance forces in the Ummah (Islamic world) played a direct role in supporting Gaza militarily and politically, delivering effective strikes against the Israeli entity and making great sacrifices that confirmed the battle is not for Palestinians alone but for the entire Ummah.

14. The American Role

The US administration was a full partner with the Israeli occupation in its war on Gaza. It supplied it with every weapon of destruction it needed (over 90,000 tons of weapons), provided political and media cover for its aggression, obstructed international decisions and actions aimed at stopping the war, and used its veto six times to allow the occupation to continue its massacres, destruction of infrastructure, displacement, and starvation operations.

In general, the US administration has used its veto power 93 times since the UN was established, 51 of which were in favor of «Israel» and for obstructing the achievement of justice in Palestine. «Israel» has remained the cornerstone of American policy in the Arab and Islamic region, and the US administration has often been willing to confront the world and the overwhelming will of the international community to keep «Israel» as an entity above the law.

Chapter Five: Hamas's Efforts to Stop the War and the Trump Plan

1. Hamas's Endeavor to Halt the Aggression

From the very first days of the aggression, the Hamas Movement, in coordination with other resistance factions, exerted continuous efforts—in cooperation with the mediators—to stop the killing and massacres committed by the Israeli entity against children and defenseless civilians, and to halt the systematic destruction of all aspects of life in the Gaza Strip.

2. A Responsible Stance in Dealing with Initiatives

The resistance dealt with all ceasefire-related initiatives and proposals with a high sense of national responsibility, stemming from its commitment to the interests of the Palestinian people and its pursuit to prevent further bloodshed and end the humanitarian suffering. The Movement mobilized all its political relations to support the Palestinian people's steadfastness.



However, this positive stance collided with the policy of Netanyahu and his extremist government, which rejected any initiative to end the war and sought to impose a plan to occupy the Gaza Strip, annex the West Bank, and displace the Palestinian people from their land.

3. Netanyahu's Agenda and Stalling the Negotiation Rounds

Netanyahu's political agendas – including his attempts to evade responsibility for his resounding failure on October 7, his efforts to escape the corruption charges pursuing him, his dream of achieving a victory over the resistance, and prolonging the war to extend his government's life – constituted fundamental motives for his rejection of all ceasefire initiatives and offers; even the ones that the Movement accepted without reservations, as happened with the first paper presented by the US envoy Steve Witkoff. It has been proven to the entire world that Netanyahu is the sole obstacle to implementing all proposals and negotiation rounds. In fact, he even rejected a proposal he himself had put forward earlier!

4. Breaching the Ceasefire Agreement

In January 2025, a ceasefire agreement was reached, but Netanyahu reneged on it after only 58 days, confirming his premeditated intention to sabotage any settlement that could end the war.

5. Complex Negotiations and Political Steadfastness

The negotiations were difficult, complex, and multi-faceted. The Hamas Movement faced immense pressure and Zionist evasions. However, the commitment before the heavy price paid by our people and the blood of the martyrs necessitated steadfastness and maneuver with utmost wisdom, awareness, and resolve to obtain the best possible terms. The enemy wanted to end the Palestinian presence in Gaza and completely crush the resistance. Even though, achieving the ceasefire was a direct fruit of our people's steadfastness and immense sacrifices.

6. The Trump Plan to End the War

Despite the crime of the occupation in targeting the Movement's negotiating delegation in Doha during the discussion of a negotiation offer—an unprecedented violation of all humanitarian norms by attempting to assassinate a negotiating delegation in the heart of a mediator country—the Movement continued its efforts to end the genocide waged by the war criminals in Tel Aviv. It handled the plan of US President Donald Trump in late September 2025 with full responsibility and seriousness.

The Movement presented a response welcoming the plan's provisions for a cessation of the war, preventing displacement, commencing a full and gradual withdrawal of occupation forces, bringing in Gaza's life necessities and reconstruction supplies, and a prisoner exchange deal for living prisoners and bodies.

It also agreed for Gaza to be governed by a Palestinian administrative body (a technocratic government) that enjoys national acceptance and Arab and international support. As for all issues of national dimension, they were referred for internal Palestinian discussion to reach consensus—based on the high interests of our Palestinian people and the rejection of trusteeship and external dictates on our independent national decision. The Movement clearly stated that it would not allow the occupation to achieve through negotiations what it failed to seize by force and genocide.

7. The Final Agreement

After two years of legendary steadfastness, the resistance was able to reach a ceasefire agreement to end the aggression in early October 2025. The agreement included:

- Ending the war, the aggression, the genocide, and starvation.
- The gradual withdrawal of the occupation forces from the Gaza Strip until the complete withdrawal.
- Preventing mass displacement and thwarting any attempt to create a new Nakba.

- An honorable exchange deal under which approximately 4,000 Palestinian prisoners were released, including 486 serving life-term sentences and 319 serving long-term sentences.
- Breaking the siege on the Gaza Strip, allowing the entry of aid and humanitarian necessities as a prelude to begin the comprehensive reconstruction.

The occupation sought through its war to displace the Palestinian people, empty the Gaza Strip, shatter Palestinian will, impose surrender, and spread militias and chaos—a goal it failed to achieve thanks to the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and the capability of the resistance despite the power imbalances.

Chapter Six:

The Most Prominent Achievements of the Al-Aqsa Flood

Two years of continuous war have led to major shifts at all levels and in all directions, forming a strategic earthquake that redrew global awareness. Among the most significant achievements of the Al-Aqsa Flood are:

1. The Steadfastness of the Palestinian People

The Al-Aqsa Flood proved that the Palestinian people are hard to subjugation and coercion; they do not know defeat nor accept surrender. Despite the brutality and terror of the occupation, this people remained steadfast on their land, affirming after more than a century of revolutions and uprisings that they are a people who cannot be bypassed, and whose cause cannot be erased.

2. Returning the Palestinian Cause to the Forefront of the World's Attention

The return of Palestine to the heart of the world: The Palestinian cause once again became a global political and media focal point. It returned to the UN, to European and American streets, to human rights platforms, and to universities. It is no longer a «borders» issue but a cause of liberation, justice, dignity, and humanity, after having been almost forgotten.

Before the attack, Netanyahu bet on erasing the cause by isolating it from its Arab and Islamic depth through the normalization track. However, two years of steadfastness and resilience reintroduced it as a cause of liberation, justice, and human dignity, and most importantly not a passing political «border dispute.»

3. Regional and International Isolation

It is no longer possible for any regime or state to deal with Israel «without a moral cost.» The genocide broke the chain of

normalization and raised the level of Arab and Islamic popular rejection to its peak. Even its allies in the West now face escalating protests. Defending Israel has become a political, media, and moral burden, and even the occupation's traditional allies face a dilemma before their own peoples, who are angered by its crimes.

4. The Exposure of the Occupation's Deep Societal Divisions

The pillars of the myth upon which the occupation built its existence have crumbled one after another, exposing deep divisions in the structure of Israeli society: between the fascist right and the civil current, between the religious and the secular, indeed between all components of the Zionist society.

5. The Fall of Israeli Security Doctrine

The Al-Aqsa Flood toppled the Israeli security theory that was based on deterrence, early warning, and transferring the battle to



the enemy's land. The resistance surprised the enemy on October 7, breaching its rear lines, forcing it to fundamentally review its security and military doctrine.

6. The Collapse of the «Western Israel» Image

The Al-Aqsa Flood transformed the Israeli entity from a «fortress of Western civilization» into a moral and political burden for its allies. «Israel» is no longer seen as the so-called «only democracy in the Middle East» but as a state committing genocide in front of cameras. The images of corpses and dismembered children in Gaza became the «new face of Israel.»

Its case at the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court transformed from legal paperwork into a historical indictment document pursuing it in every international forum. Defending it before Western public opinion has become an embarrassing task, and its crimes and bloody images have become the title of its international isolation.

7. Reviving Global Collective Awareness

This battle and its consequences redefined perceived concepts. Millions marched chanting for Gaza, affirming that Palestine is not alone. The world no longer accepts calling genocide a «conflict» nor occupation «self-defense.» Words like «genocide,» «colonialism,» and «war crimes» entered the discourse of the UN and Western parliaments, making Palestine a new global moral standard. The Palestinian cause has become a measure of human conscience.

8. The Collapse of the «Safe Haven» Illusion

The Al-Aqsa Flood shook the idea of the so-called «safe haven for Jews» in occupied Palestine, showing that the Israeli entity is incapable of subduing the Palestinian people. Reverse migration escalated, and anxiety spread among Zionist settlers. A poll by Haaretz (May 2025 ,12) showed that %40 of Zionists were considering leaving the Israeli entity. Internal divisions deepened between the fascist right camps and

the civil current, between the religious and secular, Sephardim and Ashkenazim, shaking trust in the Zionist leadership and plunging the society into a deep crisis.

9. Field and Humanitarian Achievements

With the implementation of the first phase of the war cessation plan and prisoner exchange deals, approximately 4,000 Palestinian prisoners were released from occupation prisons, including 486 serving life-term sentences and 319 serving long-term sentences—a milestone achievement and a worthy seizure of freedom.

10. Thwarting the Normalization Path

The Al-Aqsa Flood revealed the true nature of the Zionist entity to the region's nations and peoples as a genuine, looming danger they face, not as a peace and coexistence partner. It showed them what exactly the occupation wants: to subjugate the region and force it to submit to Zionist hegemony. The Al-Aqsa Flood dealt a blow to the delusional normalization projects, returned the peoples to their natural position of confronting the occupation, and renewed the spirit of popular enmity towards the Israeli entity. Palestine once again became the axis of the Islamic Ummah's unity and collective consciousness.



11. Reviving the Islamic Ummah's Spirit

The Al-Aqsa Flood revived the spirit of hope and inspiration across the Islamic Ummah (Islamic world), affirming that evolution, honor, and dignity are possible whenever peoples possess the spirit of resistance, a culture of martyrdom, and faith in the justice of their causes.

12. Consolidating the Model of Civilizational Islam

The Al-Aqsa Flood reinforced the moderate civilizational Islamic model adopted by the Hamas Movement, which combines faith, freedom, justice, and human dignity, in contrast to the Zionist extremism and Western racism.

13. The Collapse of the Zionist Narrative

The Al-Aqsa Flood toppled the Israeli Zionist narrative, revealing to the world the true, monstrous face of the occupation, forcing it into unprecedented isolation, becoming a pariah at all levels. Claims of being an «oasis of democracy,» «right to self-defense,» «world's most moral army,» and exploiting the «Holocaust» to garner global sympathy could no longer justify the occupation and its massacres. Images of slaughtered children, massacres, and massive destruction in Gaza became the new face of «Israel» in the world's consciousness. Its mask\cover as the victim was dropped forever; the Palestinian narrative became present, and global human conscience began to regain its awareness.

14. The Global Rise of the Palestinian Narrative

The Al-Aqsa Flood strengthened the Palestinian narrative in the global and humanitarian framework. Our resistance won the battle for awareness and sympathy, especially among hundreds of millions of youth worldwide who might never have known the Palestinian cause without the Al-Aqsa Flood, the heroism of the resistance, and the steadfastness of the Palestinian people.

Terms like genocide, settler-colonialism, and war crimes forcefully

entered the global discourse when addressing the Palestinian issue, making Palestine a new moral standard for the commitment to the values of justice, freedom, and human rights.

15. The Growing Boycott Campaigns

The economic, academic, and cultural boycott campaigns against the Israeli entity and its supporting companies expanded globally, and reached unprecedented levels in modern history.

16. International Legal Pursuits

The summoning of the Israeli entity to the International Court of Justice on charges of committing genocide—in the case brought by South Africa—confirms the brutality of the crimes committed by the occupation against the Palestinian people. The joining of many countries to this case (such as Nicaragua, Colombia, Libya, Mexico, Spain, Türkiye, Chile, Maldives, Bolivia, Ireland, Cuba, Belize, etc.) illustrates the extent of global anger at Israeli crimes. «Israel's» disdain for and disregard of the Court's issued orders indicate the arrogant Israeli mentality that sees itself above law and accountability.



17. International Arrest Warrants

The International Criminal Court's arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Gallant as war criminals, and their summons to appear before it, is also a significant indicator of the responsibility of the Israeli leadership (and the entire Israeli political system) for the crimes committed against the Palestinian people.

18. Increasing International Recognition of the State of Palestine

Official stances considering the Israeli entity a threat to regional and international stability increased and doubled, exposing its brutality as a stain on humanity. Many countries expressed this in various ways—diplomatic, political, economic, and legal—with some going as far as cutting relations with the Israeli entity or calling for sending armies to liberate Palestine (as Colombia did).

A wave of international recognition of the State of Palestine also launched, most notably from major European countries. During the Al-Aqsa Flood, the following joined the list of countries recognizing the State of Palestine: Spain, Ireland, Norway, Slovenia, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, Portugal, Belgium, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Mexico, Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, The Bahamas; thereby raising the number of countries officially recognizing the State of Palestine to at least 156.

19. Unprecedented Interaction from Arab and Islamic Peoples

The genocidal war on Gaza witnessed an unprecedented mobilization by Arab and Islamic peoples. This was manifested in successive waves of marches and demonstrations that swept across Arab and Islamic capitals and squares, condemning the genocide and expressing solidarity with our besieged people. Voices rose demanding decisive official steps, foremost among them pressuring to stop the aggression, expelling Israeli ambassadors, severing relations, and reviewing all forms of normalization with the Israeli entity.

Alongside the popular movement, significant and unprecedented

efforts emerged in the financial, charitable, and relief support through widespread donation campaigns and the dispatch of convoys of food, medical, and shelter aid, including tents and shelter supplies. Furthermore, civilian and humanitarian initiatives aimed at breaking the siege emerged, including the sailing of the «Freedom Flotillas» and the attempts to deliver support to Gaza. This was a living expression of unified sentiment and conscience, and determination of the Arab and Islamic peoples to stand with the oppressed.

20. The Transformation in Global Public Opinion

Tens of thousands of pro-Palestine demonstrations and marches, many numbering in the millions, spread across the world. Europe alone witnessed over 45,000 demonstrations in two years and the United States saw around 12,400 demonstrations in the first nine months of the Al-Aqsa Flood, in addition to thousands more in Latin America, Africa, Australia, and Asia. Global public opinion no longer accepts labeling genocide as a «conflict,» nor occupation



and colonialism as «self-defense.»

This Israeli genocide has exposed the hypocrisy of Western democracies that support the Israeli occupation and has widened the circle of doubt in their false value system. Opinion polls showed a major shift in popular support for the Palestinian cause and its resistance, and in negative perceptions of the Israeli entity. The percentage of those holding a negative view of «Israel» rose to over %70 in countries once considered strongholds of its support (such as The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and Greece), exceeded %60 in Italy, Britain, Germany, France, Poland, and Canada, and even reached %53 in the United States (Pew Research Center poll, June 2025 ,3). Notably, a Harris Poll conducted in cooperation with Harvard University (results published in late August 2025) showed that %60 of -24–18year-olds in the United States (Generation Z) support Hamas against «Israel.» All this occurred despite the immense media influence of Zionists and their attempts to suppress Palestinian content on social media platforms.

This victory was not for our people alone; it represented a victory for all of humanity and for every free person who shared our pain and stood in solidarity with Gaza against Zionist aggression. It also vindicates the countries and bodies that supported our right in international forums—foremost among them South Africa—and will contribute to exposing the Zionist entity and strengthening its growing global isolation.

Chapter Seven: Hamas Cannot Be Isolated

1. A Movement Rooted in the Palestinian National Fabric

The Hamas Movement is an integral and deeply rooted component of the Palestinian society, a principal pillar of its national and political fabric. Since its founding in 1987, it has competed with the Fatah Movement for popular representation leadership and assumed the leadership of the resistance camp after Fatah chose the path of the political settlement and the Oslo Accords in 1993.

Despite all attempts to uproot and marginalize it over 38 years, Hamas has remained stronger in presence and more credible, as the sacrifices and assassinations that targeted its leaders only increased its resilience and garnered it broad popular support on Palestinian, Arab, Islamic, and global levels. It represents a moderate, centrist Islamic approach that adheres to Palestinian national principles, directs its resistance exclusively against the occupation, and believes in national partnership and referral to the popular will through free elections or national consensus.



2. Electoral and Constitutional Legitimacy

Hamas won a decisive majority in the elections for the Palestinian Legislative Council in January 2006, the only elections in which all Palestinian factions participated. Thus, its rule of the Gaza Strip came by popular will and full constitutional legitimacy. Despite the division, Hamas has retained its majority in the Legislative Council, granting it the constitutional right to form the government in both Gaza and the West Bank. In addition, amid the lack of cooperation with the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah, the governing bodies in Gaza have continued their work with relative efficiency and stability, as Hamas represents a natural part of the Palestinian national fabric.

3. The Steady Popular Choice of Resistance

Palestinian opinion polls during the two years of the Al-Aqsa Flood confirm that the choice of resistance remains the fundamental driver of the Palestinian people's consciousness. Even at the height of bombardment, massacres, and siege, Hamas continued to lead the popular scene. An opinion poll conducted by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research in May 2025 showed that %77 of Palestinians reject disarming Hamas in exchange for stopping the war.

Satisfaction with Hamas's performance reached %57, compared to %23 for the Ramallah Authority's performance and only %15 for Mahmoud Abbas's performance. In the event of elections, the poll indicated that %68 would vote for a Hamas candidate, compared to %25 who would vote for a Fatah candidate. A Hamas list would secure %43 of the Legislative Council seats, compared to %28 for Fatah, a percentage nearly identical to its victory in 2006.

These results confirm that betting on the people abandoning the resistance or retreating from supporting Hamas is a completely losing bet.

4. The Isolation of Hamas is a Political Illusion

The core of the problem is the Israeli occupation, and the core of the solution is ending it and enabling the Palestinian people to achieve their national rights. A solution cannot be achieved through terms that comfort the occupation and guarantee its survival, just as the victim cannot be punished and the executioner rewarded.

Attempts to isolate Hamas contradict the right of peoples to armed resistance and their right to freely choose their representatives, just as contradicting the political norms that require states to negotiate with the resistance forces, not exclude them. Therefore, Hamas's participation in popular representation and political decision-making is an inherent right that does not accept external trusteeship, and no external alternative can be imposed on the will of the Palestinian people.

Chapter Eight: The Current Stage Priorities

Today, Palestine and Gaza need a comprehensive national vision that rebuilds life with dignity and sovereignty. The future we desire begins with the awareness that what was achieved on the battlefield must be completed in politics, society, and administration, so that the sacrifices of the Palestinian people bear fruit in construction, prosperity, and independence.

1. Achieving Complete Withdrawal and Reconstruction

- ◆ Ensuring the enemy's complete withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.
- ◆ Securing the release of all prisoners from the occupation's prisons.
- ◆ Breaking the siege, allowing all Gaza's needs to enter without restrictions, and opening all crossings.
- ◆ Launching a comprehensive and effective reconstruction process, providing all necessary support for the Gaza Strip, and implementing urgent relief programs to provide shelter, food, water, and medicine for our people in Gaza.

2. Independent National Administration of the Gaza Strip

Administering the Gaza Strip is an exclusively Palestinian affair to be handled by national factions, without excluding any component, and by insisting on our independent Palestinian national decision. Our Palestinian people are among the world's richest in expertise and competencies, and possess all the means to manage their own affairs

Attempts to impose political trusteeship on them from any party are rejected and can only be considered a form of occupation. Gaza's future can only be determined by an independent Palestinian will and the collective participation of all components of our people, free from any trusteeship.

3. Protecting Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the West Bank

Confronting the escalating danger and existential challenges imposed by the occupation on our people, through its systematic plans to Judaize Jerusalem, attempts to impose spatial and temporal division on the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and alter its identity and landmarks, alongside the West Bank's exposure to frantic annexation attempts, settlement expansion, house demolitions, and forced displacement.

This aims to empty the land of its people and impose new colonial facts, necessitating unified efforts to strengthen our people's steadfastness and protect their national rights and principles in Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the West Bank.

4. Rearrangement of the Palestinian Internal Home

Rearranging the Palestinian house and rebuilding the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) based on the national principles and high interests of the Palestinian people, activating its institutions to include all Palestinian factions, and preparing for free and fair elections that include Palestinians inside and outside, within the framework of national consensus. This should reactivate the capabilities and potential of the Palestinian people in the liberation and return project.

Enhancing national unity around the resistance choice will thwart all occupation projects aimed at liquidating the Palestinian cause.

5. Arab, Islamic, and Global Human Depth

Strengthening ties with the Arab and Islamic Ummah and activating the global humanitarian dimension to support the Palestinian cause. Continuing efforts to communicate and engage with the free peoples worldwide who stood with Gaza, encouraging them to maintain the global action against the occupation until its demise.

6. Confronting Normalization

Confronting normalization attempts with the Zionist enemy and

exposing its dangers, as well as activating all forms of official and popular endeavor to bring it down.

Experience has proven that normalization is not a path to security and stability but a gateway to more aggression against the rights of the Palestinian people and the Arab and Islamic Ummah.

7. Consolidating the Palestinian Narrative

Continuing to consolidate the Palestinian narrative and dismantle the Zionist narrative in international forums. This includes documenting the narrative of the Al-Aqsa Flood Battle by establishing national institutions that preserve our people's collective memory of sacrifices and safeguard the truth from falsification or oblivion.

8. Legal Track and International Justice

Continuing legal efforts to pursue the Israeli entity, leaders, and soldiers for their crimes in Gaza and Palestine, especially the crimes of genocide, starvation, and displacement.

Filing cases before the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, and relevant national courts worldwide. These crimes are not subject to statutes of limitations, and war criminals must face consequences before international justice.

9. Diplomatic and International Relations

Strengthening relations with mediators who contributed to achieving the war-ending agreement, foremost among them Qatar, Egypt, and Türkiye. Also, strengthening international relations with countries supporting Palestinian people's rights, such as China, Russia, and Algeria, in appreciation of their role in curbing the encroachment of the Israeli entity's allies within the Security Council.

In Few Words...

The Al-Aqsa Flood was, for us and for the vast masses across the world, not merely a military event, but a moment of glorious birth, and an emergence of a liberated consciousness free from deception or falsification. It is a bridge extended upon a solid will, a renewed resistance, a firm commitment, a profound awareness, and a vision of utmost clarity that looks towards the restoration of all our people's rights, the recovery of our stolen freedom, the liberation of our land and holy city (Jerusalem), and the establishment of our state.

After two years of genocide and steadfastness, our narrative stands clear and evident: a people who cannot be erased, a resistance that cannot be defeated, and a memory that cannot be forgotten.

Palestine does not ask for the world's pity, but respect for its people's right to life and freedom.

The independent Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital, and the return of refugees to their land are not a dream, but a historical and political entitlement demanded by a people who withstood genocide and did not break.

This is our narrative... remaining as long as a heart from this people beats for freedom.



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