

# QUDS DAY

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## Introduction:

The Sacred land of Palestine, considered the land of Monotheistic Prophets, has been Inhabited Arabs for Centuries To The Tenets and Principles and Teachings and Traditions of Islam, Muslims Firmly Believe in These Prophets, Whose Names have been Repeatedly Mentioned in The Holy Book of Qur'an.

Baitul Muqaddas (Jerusalem) is One of The Ancient Cities of The World, Which is Under The illegitimate Usurpation of The Israeli Zionist Regime Since 1948 Outraging The Muslims all Over The World Because it is a Sacred Place and The First Qible of World Muslims and as Per The Quranic Statement This Was The Place from Where Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Ascended to heaven in his "Meraj" The ruthless Killings of Jerusalem and other Muslim Dominated Neighbouring Regions, Has Been a Cause of Concern For The Whole Human World Especially The Muslims, Who Have Since Been in Pain and Profound Sorrow.

## Historical Background:

Throughout The Centuries The History of This Heavenly City intertwined With Bloody Conflicts and Conquests by Many Powers Among Them Crusaders, Turks, Muslims, Persians and The British. In Brief, one of The greatest muslim commanders nanoly Salahuddin Ayyubi Made Historic Victories Against Crusaders and Ultimately Liberated Jerusalem in 1192.

The Historical Documents Have Already Confirmed That Arabs Were The Main and Native Residebts of Palestine, Which Became a Part of Turkey,s Ottoman Empire in The 16 Th Century. During World War I, as The Colonists Spread Their Supremnacy and influence in Islamic Trritories, British Forces

**Occupied Palestine Apparently Because Turkey Allied With Germany.**

Following The British Occupation of Palestine, The British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour, Made The Proposal of Establishing a Jewish State in Palestine. The Famous Balfour Declaration Was Confirmed By Governments at War With Turkey and Ultimately With The British Support, The State of Israel Before its Physical Existence Was First Established on The World Map in 1948 and Islamic land i.e. Palestine by driving the native residents mainly Muslims from their homeland though they were constituting 98% of the total population of Palestine

### History of Palestine at a glance:

- 1192 salahuddin Ayyubi liberated Palestine from the Crusaders. It remains as a Part of Ottoman Empire Till 1916
- 1917 Britain Vows to Establish a Homeland For Jews in Palestine Under The Belfour Declaration.
- 1919 Palestine Conferene Started under The Patronage of The British High Commission.
- 1920 Jews Immigrants Started Coming in Palestine.
- 1923-28 A Relative lull Descended on Palestine.
- 1929 Al-Burap Revolution Erupted in Palestine.
- 1931 A Great Islamic Conference Was Held in Quds.
- 1935 The Revolution of Sheikh Izzuddin Al- Qassam Was Started With The Call of Jihad.
- 1935 60.000 Jews immigrated to Palestine With The Aim of an Organised Civil War.
- 1936 Another Revolution Was Started Following The Martyrdom of Al-Qassam on November 15, 1935
- 1937 The Bill Committee Tables a Proposal of Setting an Arab State and a Jewish State in Palestine.
- 1939 Snother White Book Was issued Allowing The Arrival of 10,000 Jews immigrants in Palestine Per Annum for a Period of five Years.
- 1948 Britain Decides To Withdraw from Palestine With Effect From May 15, 1948
- 1948 Israel Came into Existence Contrary to The Wishes of The Palestinian People.

1948-63 A Number of Wars Took Place Between The Native Palestinians and The Jews immigrants. A Number of Top Ranking Religious Leaders Al-Banna Also Embraced Martydom During The Period.

1967 The Bloody War Took Place Between The Arabs and Israeli Troops.

1969 The Al-Apsa Mosque Was Set Ablazed By The Zionists.

1970-73 Another War Took Place Between Arabs and The Israeli Troops.

1979 Camp David Accord Was Signed Between Egypt and Israel.

1979 International Quds Day Was Declared by Imam Khomeini.

1981 King Fahd Made a Proposal of Compromise Known as Fahd Plan.

1982 Arab Summit Known as Fez Conference Approved Fahd Plan.

1982 Israel launched an Attack on Lebanon.

1986 In View of The Massacres of Muslims in Sabra and Shatilla, The Islamic Republic of Iran Demanded The Expulsion of Israel From The World Organisations. But The Iranian Motion Was Defeated Because of The Opposition and Treacherous From The Voting.

1987 The People of Palestine Started Armed Islamic Jihad Against The Israeli Regime Which is Known as "Intifadah".

1994 A Zionist Armed Man Massacred a large Number of Muslims who Were Offering Namaz at Al-Khalil City.

**Imam Khomeini and The Palestinian Problem:**

Undoubtedly Late Imam Khomeini Was One Of Top Ranking Scholars of Islam who allocated a remarkable portion of Their Thought, Writings and Speeches To The Palestinian Cause. Over 25 Years and Exactly Since His Appearance on The Social and Political Stage Until Very Recently He Never Even For a Split Second, Paused With The Palestinian Problem The Shah, Relations With Zionists Was one of Three Major Questions Raised By Imam Khomeini in His First Political Uprising of 15 Th of Khordad (June,5,1963).

During His First Exile To Turkey in 1964, He Wrote "Israel is a State Of War With The Islamic Countries.. Now and Then I

Keep Warneng Against This Danger". While Reacting to The Stengthening of Irano-Zionist Relaions Imam Khomeini Wrote. I Declare To All The Islamic Countries To All Mucslims From The East to The West, That Muslim Shiites Are Enemies of Israel and Its Agents. They Condemn The Countries That Recognise Israel. in His Book of Fatwas Entitled "Tahrirul Wasilah, Which He Wrote During His Exile in Turkey, Imam Khomeini Makes it Obligatory on Islamic Countris to Sever the diplomatic and Commercial Relations With The islamic Countries Which Readh an Agreement Detrimental to the Interests of Islam and The Muslims. Not Only This But Also He Sends a letter To The Iranian Prime Minister at The Time Wherein He Refers Unepuivocally To The Zionist Entity in These Words "Never Make an Alliance With Israel, The Enemy of Islam and The Country That Made More Than One Million Muslims Homeless. Never Open The Muslim Markes To Israel and its Agents."

in His First Speech Afrer His Arrival in Najaf City of Iraq in 1965, Imam Khomeini Calls on Muslims To Unite and Pool Their Resources To Stand in The FAcE of Zionism. He Admonishes Muslims Saying: "How is it Possible That a Handful of Jewish Highwaymen Could Turn More Than One Million Muslims Out of Palestine and Occupy it? Isn, t it Because of Our Deviation From The Right and They are Rallying Around Their Falsehood?"

During The Period of His Exile Imam Khomeini Paid Attention To all The Developments and Events Related to The Palestinan Problem in This Region. He Voiced His Views and made Calls to The Muslims, on Every Occasion Whether on The June 1967 War The Burning of Al-Apsa Mosque in 1969, The October War of 1973, The Camp David Accord of 1979 or Al-Sadat,s Visit To Quds in 1977. Contacts and Exchanged letters With The Palestinian leadership. He Supported The Armed Struggle of The Palestinan Commanders Morally, Politically and Financially to The Extent of Issuing a Fatwa Allowing The Spending Revenues From The Religious Taxes on The Palestinian Millitary Operations.

### Declaration of International Quds Day:

Afrer The Grand Victory of The lalamic Revolution and The

Establishment of The Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979, Imam Khomeini Ruptured Iran,s Relation With The Israeli Zionist Regime and Convertesd The Israeli Embassy in Tehran Into The Diplomatic Mission of The Palestinian People Struggling For The liberation of Their Homeland.

in August 1979, Imam Khomeini, The leader of The Revolution and The Founder of The Islamic Republic of Iran Declared The last Friday of The Blessed Month of Ramazan as "International Quds Day" in Order To Seek The Support of World Muslims To The legitimate Struggle of The Muslim People of Palestine By Organising Special Gatherings and Holding Demonstrations Exposing The Enemies of Islam and Their Ghastly Crimes. The Text of Imam Khomeini,s Message Reads as Under:

in The Name of God, Compassionate, The Merciful

For Years, I Heve Warned All Muslims Against The Menace Posed By Israeli Usurpers Who Have lately Intensifies Their Savage Raids on Our Palestinean Brothers and Sisters, Bent Upon The Destruction of Palestinian Freedom Their Homes and Shelters in Southern Lebanon.

I Call on The Muslims of Meslima Countries to Join Forces Against Israel and her Supporters in Order to Cut Off The Hands of The Aggressors and Usirpers on Palestine.

I invite all The Muslims Throughout The World, During These Fateful Period, Which Coild Also Become a Factor For Shaping The Future of The Palestinian People, to Declare The last Friday of The Holy Month of. Ramazan as The Day of Quds (Jerusalem). The Muslims Should actualise This day By Proclaiming International Support of The legitimate Rights of The Muslim Palestinian People.

I Pray to The Almighty Allah For The Victory of The Muslims Over The People of Kufr (Rejecters of Truth and Justice). Peace and Allah,s Blessings and Mercy on You.

*-Ruhullah Musavi Khomeini*

On The Eve of The First Internatonal Quds Day, Imam Khomeini Sent a Message Addressing The World Muslims on August 16, 1979 Wherein He Further Declared" The Day of

Quds is The Day of Islam. All Muslims Must Be Warned and Must Understand How Strong Their Spiritual and Economic Powers are. Muslims are one Billion People, Supported By God, Islam and The Power of Faith. Why Should They Be Afraid?

Continuing His Message, Imam Khomeini Made The Day of Palestine, But it is The Day of Islam."

in Brief, Imam Khomeini Used to address The World Muslims on The Occasion Of Quds Day. in Most of His Speeches and Interviews He Used To Draw The Attention of World Muslims Towards The Importance of Quds Day. This Practice Continued Till He Breathes his last in 1989.

After Imam Khomeini,s Death, leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatullah Syed Ali-e- Khamenei, in Pursuance of Imam Khoemini,s Viewpoints With Regard To All National and International Affairs, Made Every Possible Effort to Keep Alive The Day of Quds By Sending Messages To The World Muslims. in 1994, Ayatiullah Khamenei in His Quds Day Message Referred To The Barbaric Crime of Killing The Innocent Palestinian Muslims By The Zionist Killers in The Occupied City of Al-Kbalil, While They Were Offering NamaZ at a Mospue and Made it Clear That The Peace Accords and Compromise Formulas are Nothing But a Sourse of Keeping The Attention of World Muslims Diverted From The Real Solution of The Problem of Palestine . Ayatullah Khamenen Said That The Palestinean People Can Get The Right of living a Peaceful life in Their Homes Only By Continuing Their Armed Struggle Against The Zionist Regime and By launching Attacks on The Strategic Army Hideouts and Intallations of The Usurper Israeli Government.

Sfruggling Against The Greatest Usupert of Muslim lands is as Important as any Wahib Mandatory Practices That our Religion Prescribes For us. The Prophe of Islam Said it 14 Centuries Ago: a Muslim Who Does Nothing Upon Hearing The Cries For Help of Other Muslims, Has no Right to Call Himself a Muslim.