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(hafidhahullāh)

ON WHETHER NOW IS THE TIME TO CONDEMN THOSE BEHIND THE CURRENT PALESTINIAN SITUATION OR TIME TO AID OUR BROTHERS¹

Question:

“Some brothers say “now is not the time to criticise some Islamic groups who have caused this. Now is the time to support and not to shine the light on mistakes”. Are their words correct? And does this fall under “there will not cease to be a group from my Ummah who are aided. They will not be harmed by those who oppose them.”?”

Answer from Shaykh Farj (hafidhahullāh):

It is correct that we do not focus on errors, and we focus on aid. But what is the [correct] meaning of ‘aid’? Aid is that we make du’a for them [the people of Gaza], yet this does not likewise mean being heedless to those who have caused this. Agitating innocent people, causing bloodshed, Allāh knows best as to what Maqāsīd [objectives] are behind all this!? If wealth may be gained from across the world, or there is something they wish to gain or in preparation for some upcoming changes? Allāh knows best.

There are states involved in planning this,² however the major error is how can you incite an enemy that possesses the weapons and expertise which you yourself admit you are unable to

¹ Translation: ‘AbdulHaq ibn Kofi ibn Kwesi al-Ashantī. Summarised from the Shaykh’s Q&A session from his *Ta’leeq ‘ala Kitāb Mukhtasar as-Sawā’iq il-Mursalāh* lesson dated Tuesday 13th October 2023 CE. It can be referred to here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLkHGTYQVlo>

² Translator’s note [TN]: In March 2019, Netanyahu said at a Likud Party meeting:

challenge?! If this is not throwing oneself into destruction, then I do not know what is! Repercussions have no benefit, resisting an encroaching army via small brigades or individuals there is no doubt my brothers that this is a calamity and delays progress. Imagine you embark on building a house but then you yourself cause its collapse every time you reach a certain height and so you must start again.

As for the condition of Israel, then it is a criminal³ aggressor⁴ occupying⁵ Nationalist Jewish⁶ state, yet you want a logical way on how to deal with such an entity. The first point to repel it is

“Those who want to thwart the establishment of a Palestinian state should support the strengthening of Hamas and the transfer of money to Hamas. This is part of our strategy.”

Huh?! What is this?! The Western media and partisan political parties of Europe and America turn a blind eye to this.

³ [TN]: According to Amnesty International:

“Israel’s continuing oppressive and discriminatory system of governing Palestinians in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) constituted a system of apartheid, and Israeli officials committed the crime of apartheid under international law. Israeli forces launched a three-day offensive on the occupied Gaza Strip in August during which they committed apparent war crimes.”

See Amnesty International, *Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories*. Accessed October 2023: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/middle-east-and-north-africa/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/report-israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/>

⁴ [TN]: According to International Law, collective punishment, as enacted by Extremist Zionists on the people of Gaza, is considered a war crime. Many in Europe and America however fail to ‘condemn’ this whenever they ask Muslims to repeatedly condemn the erroneous actions of ignorant Muslims.

⁵ [TN]: According to Human Rights Watch:

“Israeli authorities refused to register at least 270,000 Palestinians who were outside the West Bank and Gaza when the occupation began in 1967 and revoked the residency of nearly 250,000, mostly for being abroad for too long between 1967 and 1994. Since 2000, Israeli authorities have largely refused to process family reunification applications or requests for address changes by Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. The freeze effectively bars Palestinians from acquiring legal status for spouses or relatives not already registered and makes illegal, according to the Israeli army, the presence in the West Bank of thousands of Gaza residents who arrived on temporary permits and now live there, since they effectively cannot change their address to one in the West Bank. These restrictions have the effect of limiting the Palestinian population in the West Bank.”

They also state:

via unity and there is no way to repel if we are divided, this is the first point. The second point is that we refer the situation back to the most intelligent in the Ummah and that is those in authority and the people of knowledge, the Hukkām and 'Ulama. They lead on these matters, as this is what Allāh Says,

﴿وَإِذَا جَاءَهُمْ أَمْرٌ مِّنَ الْأَمْنِ أَوْ الْحُوفِ أَذَاعُوا بِهِ وَلَوْ رَدُّوهُ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ وَإِلَى أُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْهُمْ﴾

﴿لَعَلَّمَهُ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَنْبِطُونَهُ مِنْهُمْ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَاتَّبَعْتُمُ الشَّيْطَانَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا﴾

“And when there comes to them something (i.e. information) about (public) security or fear, they spread it around. But if they had only referred it back to the Messenger or to those of authority among them, then the ones who (can) draw correct conclusions from it would have known about it. And if not for the favour of Allāh upon you and His mercy, you would have followed Shaytān, except for a few of you.”

{an-Nisā (4): 83}

“Throughout the West Bank, Israel has facilitated the building of Israeli-only settlements. The Fourth Geneva Convention, which applies to military occupations, prohibits the transfer of an occupying power’s civilian population to an occupied territory.”

See Human Rights Watch, *A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution*. Dated 27th April 2021. Accessed October 2023: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2021/04/27/threshold-crossed/israeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-persecution>

⁶ [TN]: According to Amnesty International:

“In February, Amnesty International released a 280-page report showing how Israel was imposing an institutionalized regime of oppression and domination against the Palestinian people wherever it exercised control over their rights, fragmenting and segregating Palestinian citizens of Israel, residents of the OPT and Palestinian refugees denied the right of return. Through massive seizures of land and property, unlawful killings, infliction of serious injuries, forcible transfers, arbitrary restrictions on freedom of movement, and denial of nationality, among other inhuman or inhumane acts, Israeli officials would be responsible for the crime against humanity of apartheid, which falls under the jurisdiction of the ICC.”

See Amnesty International, *Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories*. Accessed October 2023: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/middle-east-and-north-africa/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/report-israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/>

As for referring an issue such as this, which is very sensitive, and holds a lofty position within the emotions of Muslims, to brigades, parties or individuals – then this stalls the progression of the Ummah.

Then after that, after unity and referring the matter to Ahli Halli wa'l-'Aqd, power must be investigated. This is not to say that a power must be reached which is of the same level as that of the enemy however enliven yourselves so that you have power. After that liberation and the like can occur. As for via this route, we have seen what occurs, and not just that we have seen it we have tried it for years! Failure. Innocent people are harmed, civilians as is also stated.

Questioner interjects: “but supplication for our brothers?”

Shaykh Farj: yes, there must be du'a, support, material and moral [for the oppressed in Gaza]. We do not say that we just sit back on our hands. However, to present major things to the Ummah in following the activities of individuals, about whom Allāh knows best who is behind them, then this is a crime on the Ummah. Whenever someone commits an act, they come to us and say “by Allāh you have abandoned”, ok [we reply] “did you spread our material or views? Rather, before you even committed these things you accused us of being paid stooges!” As for you accusing us, slandering us and cursing us day and night and then after you come and say “where were you?” Where was your mind with your behaviour?! These behaviours are not permissible, we ask Allāh to preserve the Muslims and to suffice us from this enemy and subjugate them to a greater one.