

A call to the Islamic Nation [umma]

**Muslim and national scholars and personalities denounce
the American and Israeli crimes in Iraq and Palestine¹**

Momentous events shake the Nation, turning it into a boiler that it is feared will explode out of anger in the face of the enmity it faces (international...Anglo-American), before a muteness on the part of the leaders which has reached the degree of connivance.

The commemoration of the burning of Al-Aqsa and the Zionist threat of exploding it, as well as the Zionist entity's ongoing policy of annihilation directed against the Palestinian people and the courageous resistance [*muqawama*], the torture of thousands of heroic detainees, whose oppression did not receive attention by the world other than the declaration of a hunger strike, in which thousands of them and their families took part; all this coincided with the escalation in the mode of aggression and destruction against the people of Iraq, its cities and sanctuaries which even resulted in the bombing of the city of Najaf, the holy shrine of one of the greatest imams of Islam: the rightly guided Caliph, the Imam Ali Bin Abi Talib, may Allah honour him. This all comes as part of the comprehensively savage imperialistic campaign that the US leads against Islam in general, and especially against Iraq – the great fortress of civilisation, with its people, rocks, artefacts and resources – which is spreading death, destruction and fear throughout its cities, villages and inhabitants.

This is all happening after the moral claims that the American imperialistic campaign was based upon turned into dust...no weapons of mass destruction were found...no proof was found to link the previous regime with al-Qaeda...not even the promised democracy has been established...particularly after the exposition of the disgraceful acts of “American democracy” in *Abu Ghraib* and prior to that in the detentions in Guantanamo and Afghanistan...and with the random killing of the Iraqi people, the spread of havoc in its civilization and cities, all the way from the valiant Faluja to the defiant Najaf, under the pretext of extinguishing the rising voice of resistance.

This massive plan achieved the endorsement of a nominated satellite government, which is nothing but a shadow of the occupation, with an objective of forcing its supremacy over Iraq and its resources, and transforming it into a base of hostility and control over the region. The fear remains that Iraq is becoming a stronghold for the Zionist project rather than a stronghold for the Arabic and Islamic liberation movements.

In view of these savage crimes implemented in Iraq and Palestine by the hands of the Zio-American pact not only against the Arabs and Muslims, nay against humanity in general, and the preparations taking place in Darfur in Sudan, the signatories of this call who incorporate religious scholars, leaders of the Islamic Movement, intellectuals and preachers:

¹ Source: al-Quds al-Arabi (London), 23/08/04;
<http://www.alquds.co.uk/archives/2004/08Aug/23AugMon/Quds04.pdf>

- 1) Express their utter condemnation of the savage crimes that are taking place in Iraq and Palestine night and day, by the hands of the Zio-American pact and its allies, and even those who follow it quietly.
- 2) Reiterate their complete solidarity with the Iraqi and Palestinian people, and their honourable and courageous national and Islamic resistance; call on both to unite their ranks to resist the occupation, avoid collusion or extremism or sectarianism of any kind whatsoever; confine [their activities] to military resistance against the occupation; and consider the Iraqi and Palestinian blood to be a red line.
- 3) Reassure their full support in the case of the detainees in all Zionist and American prisons in Palestine, Iraq, Guantanamo and Afghanistan, and condemn the savage crimes involved in these detentions - crimes that disgrace humanity.
- 4) Call upon our Arab and Islamic people alongside all religious authorities and the forces of liberation everywhere to resist the occupation and its savage crimes in Iraq and Palestine; this by offering all our moral and material support to the honourable resistance, its prisoners and their families; to be patient, strong and steadfast until Allah is victorious and the land of Islam cleansed from the filth of occupation. This, with the grace of Allah, is very soon to come.
- 5) Call upon the people of Iraq and Palestine who are fighting the *jihad*, together with the entire Islamic Nation, to work towards establishing democratic governments, elected through free, fair elections open to all; in which pluralism is respected, where justice is preserved and the dignity of citizens and the rule of truth and law is kept.
- 6) Request the Arab League, the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, the African Union, and the Arab and Islamic people to come to the rescue and aid of Sudan; to stand by [Sudan] in view of the challenges that it faces, which do not only target its sovereignty and security but also the security of all Arabs. Allah said:

'...if you support Allah, He will support you, and strengthen your foothold. Those who disbelieve incur misery; He causes their works to be utterly in vain'. [Quran 47: 7-8].

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