

Press Release

**The Authority in Lebanon Signs an Agreement with the Jewish Entity
Recognizing Its Sovereignty over the Blessed Land of Palestine!
The Jewish Entity Is an Occupying Power in Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria!**
(Translated)

Palestine is a blessed Islamic land. It is home to Al-Aqsa Mosque, the first Qiblah, the third holiest sanctuary in Islam, and the destination of the Masra (Night Journey of the Messenger of Allah (saw)). It belongs to the Islamic Ummah and is not the private property of any individual who has the authority to recognize the occupation of the Jewish entity over it.

Likewise, the entire land of Ash-Sham, including Lebanon, is a blessed land, in accordance with the saying of Allah Almighty: ﴿سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَىٰ بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ﴾ **“Glory be to Him Who carried His servant by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque, the precincts of which We have blessed, that We might show him some of Our signs. Surely He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.”** [Surah Al-Isra:1].

It was opened by the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (saw), and its soil has been watered with the blood of Muslims throughout fourteen hundred years.

No matter how many agreements are signed or recognitions are offered today by the rulers of the Muslim world, neither America nor all the Western countries, nor those who follow in their footsteps and whose hearts have been nurtured upon betrayal and abandonment, will ever be able to convince the Islamic Ummah to relinquish its right to recover Al-Aqsa. Rather, the Ummah seeks the unification of all Muslim lands, including Palestine, under one banner. Muslims continue to raise their children believing that Palestine is an occupied land that will be liberated by their hands, and, by the permission of Allah, that day may be near.

As for those whose hearts are diseased, those who have been filled with fear and awe of America and the Jewish entity until they surrendered before them, we remind them of the saying of Allah Almighty: ﴿إِنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخَوِّفُ أَوْلِيَاءَهُ فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُوا مِنِّي إِن كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ * وَلَا يَخْزَنُكَ الَّذِينَ يَسَارِعُونَ فِي الْكُفْرِ إِنَّهُمْ لَن يَصُرُوا اللَّهَ﴾ **“It is only Satan who would make [men] fear his allies. So fear them not, but fear Me, if you are believers. And let not those grieve thee who vie one with another in disbelief. Lo! they hurt Allah not at all. It is Allah's will to assign them no portion in the Hereafter, and theirs will be an awful doom.”** [Surah Aal-i 'Imran 175–6].

To the Muslims in Lebanon and throughout Ash-Sham, who have committed themselves to steadfastly guarding the frontiers around Bayt al-Maqdis while awaiting the honor of witnessing its liberation with cries of *Allahu Akbar*, and indeed the liberation of every occupied inch of their lands, we say: These normalizers and recognizers are no different from those before them who squandered and normalized. They will pass away, their memory will fade, and their deeds will become scattered dust. Therefore, remain steadfast upon the truth, grant no legitimacy to the defeatists for their surrender, remain stationed, remain watchful, and remember the words of the Messenger of Allah (saw), as narrated by Abdullah ibn Hawalah: **«Go to Ash-Sham, for it is Allah's chosen land to which He gathers His chosen servants... Indeed, Allah has guaranteed Ash-Sham and its people for me.»** (Narrated by Abu Dawud, Ahmad, and al-Tabarani.)

So remain steadfast, O people of ribat. Remain patient, O people of faith. Ask Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, to make you among those whom He has chosen to witness the day when the promise of punishment is fulfilled upon those who have incurred His wrath and those among the oppressors who aided them. Allah Almighty says: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾ **“O ye who believe! Endure, outdo all others in endurance, be ready, and observe your duty to Allah, in order that ye may succeed.”** [Surah Aal-i 'Imran:200].

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