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The independent Arabic news organization Al Mayadeen on October 6 carried the following report:

On the occasion of the first anniversary of Operation al-Aqsa Flood, Palestinian resistance factions issued statements reaffirming their unwavering commitment to

resistance as their "strategic choice" and "legitimate right" in the face of Israeli occupation.

In their statements, the factions reiterated their aim of fully liberating their land and establishing an independent Palestinian state with al-Quds as its capital.

"Al-Aqsa Flood refocused global attention on the Palestinian cause" they declared, adding that the operation was a "natural and legitimate response" to "Israel's" crimes.

This operation, the factions said, was necessary to challenge "Israel's" continued aggression and violations.

The factions expressed their gratitude to the people of Lebanon and their movement of Resistance, as well as their supporters in Yemen and Iraq. "We salute the Lebanese people, the Islamic Resistance in Lebanon, and all the fronts of support in Yemen and Iraq," the factions said.

Uniting All Fronts

The Palestinian factions praised Hezbollah for its stance on October 8 [2023] and acknowledged its efforts to unite the various fronts despite the escalating aggression against their people.

"We highly value Hezbollah's position on October 8, supporting us and uniting all fronts, despite the large-scale aggression against our Lebanese brothers," they said.

Both the U.S. and the Israeli regime are fully accountable for "genocidal crimes" and "ethnic cleansing" against the Palestinian people, the statement read.

"We hold the U.S. administration and the Israeli regime fully responsible for the crimes of genocide and ethnic cleansing against our people," they declared.

Ceasefire Conditions Unchanged

Regarding any potential agreements, the factions reiterated their firm position: "There will be no agreement unless it includes a complete halt to aggression, full withdrawal from Gaza, opening of crossings, lifting the blockade, reconstruction, and a serious prisoner exchange deal."

Looking ahead, they declared that "the day after the war will belong solely to the Palestinian people, the rightful owners of their fate."

In a final call to action, they urged Palestinians across the West Bank, al-Quds, the Palestinian territories occupied in 1948, and all resistance fronts to escalate their efforts and confront the occupation.

"We call on our heroes in the West Bank, Al-Quds, the 1948-occupied territories, and the resistance fronts everywhere to escalate resistance and engage in direct

confrontation with the occupation," the factions urged.

The factions also proposed October 7 be designated as a "Day of Resistance," symbolizing defiance against the occupation and its leadership. "We call for making October 7 a day of resistance and a day to disgrace the face of the occupation and its terrorist leaders," they concluded.

(*Al Mayadeen, October 6, 2024*)

Statement of Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas



On the anniversary of the day when Operation Al-Aqsa Flood was launched on October 7, 2023, the Palestine Resistance Movement Hamas issued a statement titled *Unwavering Faith, Determination*. As reported by *Palestine Chronicle*, the statement reads:

"October 7 marks a historic turning point in our struggle, representing a natural response to Zionist schemes aimed at erasing our national cause, consolidating control over our land and sacred sites, Judaizing them, asserting dominance over the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, persecuting prisoners, and continuing the siege on the Gaza Strip.

"This heroic battle, led with unwavering faith, determination, strength, and capability, was carried by the Al-Qassam Brigades, alongside all Palestinian resistance factions, with the support of our people across the homeland and abroad. At the heart of this movement were the steadfast, patient, and self-sacrificing people of Gaza, standing at the forefront of the nation, defending the land and the holy sites."

"As we mark one year since the Al-Aqsa Flood Battle, we in the Islamic Resistance Movement -- Hamas offer our prayers for the souls of our people's martyrs, who ascended in our long struggle against the Zionist enemy. We also pray for the martyr leaders who sacrificed their lives in this heroic battle: our brother, the

martyr leader Ismail Haniyeh, our brother, the martyr leader Saleh Al-Arouri, and the caravans of the martyrs from our nation, especially from the support and defence fronts, led by the martyr, His Eminence Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and the martyr leaders of the Islamic Resistance in Lebanon, whose blood mixed with the blood of our people on the path to liberating Al-Quds and the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque."

Steadfastness

Hamas affirmed, among other things; the "steadfastness" of the people of Gaza, "their immense sacrifices, their rallying around and embracing of the resistance while remaining patient and steadfast for a full year."

"We hold the U.S. administration, a partner in this aggression, fully responsible for the continuation of these crimes and acts of genocide. We call on it to stop its biased support for the occupation and immediately act to halt this brutal genocide war," the movement stated.

Hamas also highlighted "the expansion of Zionist aggression to include Arab and Islamic countries -- Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and Iran," saying it "proves once again that it poses a real threat to the security and stability of the region, as well as to regional and international peace and security.

"Now, more than ever, there is a pressing need to deter this rogue entity, isolate it, boycott it, and shut down all attempts to integrate it into our nation or normalize relations with it."

Sacrifices

Hamas thanked "the jihad and sacrifices of our brothers in Hezbollah, the Islamic Resistance, the Islamic Group in Lebanon, Ansarallah in Yemen, and the Islamic Resistance in Iraq. Their steadfast support, sacrifices, and participation in aiding our people and resistance during the Al-Aqsa Flood Battle are recognized."

Hamas called on "all the forces of the Islamic Nation and its free people to join this heroic battle, gaining the honor of defending Al-Quds and the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque."

"We also renew our call to our Arab and Islamic countries to take urgent steps to stop the ongoing aggression and genocide war against our people. We also urge the implementation of the resolutions from the Arab and Islamic joint summit held in Riyadh on November 11 of last year, calling for serious action to break the siege, bring aid and relief to Gaza, and cut all forms of political, diplomatic, and economic relations with the Zionist entity."

Boycotts and Solidarity

The movement thanked South Africa for filing a lawsuit against Israel at the International Court of Justice, and all countries that have supported the case.

"We also value all the official, popular, and partisan stances, initiatives, and activities in our Arab and Islamic world, and across the globe," it said and commended "the mass mobilization by all free peoples and those with a conscience in capitals around the world, the union movements, popular protests, and student demonstrations in universities supporting our people's rights."

Hamas called for "an escalation of solidarity activities in all arenas and fields, strengthening the boycott of the occupation, condemning its crimes, and pressuring countries, entities, companies, and organizations that support the genocide war in Gaza."

The movement also called upon "the masses of our Palestinian people in the West Bank, Al-Quds, the occupied territories, and in refugee camps and the diaspora to escalate all forms of resistance and struggle against the Zionist enemy and its schemes."

It also urged all Palestinian political factions, movements, organizations, and national figures "to unite, close ranks, and prioritize national responsibility, focusing all efforts and resources to confront this fascist aggression."

"We affirm to the entire world that there can be no compromise on our people's legitimate right to resist the occupation by all means necessary, to establish our free and independent Palestinian state with Al-Quds as its capital, and to live a life of dignity, free from siege, bombing, threats, or foreign control -- like all other peoples of the world."

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Statement of Lebanese Resistance Movement Hezbollah

"Today marks the one-year anniversary of the heroic Al-Aqsa Flood operation, in which the will of the Palestinian resistance was manifested in confronting aggression, oppression, and occupation that has afflicted this oppressed people since 1948, followed by wars, tragedies, and destruction.

"This operation will have historical effects and strategic results on the overall situation in the region until justice is achieved with the end of the occupation, and the Palestinian people regain their rightful, complete freedom from the river to the sea," Hezbollah said in its statement.

The movement affirmed the "full right of the Palestinian people to resist the occupation by all means necessary to restore their legitimate rights and expel the occupation."

It also said that "despite the brutality of the occupation and its aggression, "which led to the killing of tens of thousands of Palestinians and the ruthless destruction of the Gaza Strip, "this oppressive, aggressive entity has proven to be fragile and

incapable of survival without American support."

"Allies and Tools" of U.S.

Hezbollah said there was "no place for this temporary Zionist entity in our region or within our social, cultural, and human fabric. It remains a malignant cancerous tumor that must be eradicated, no matter how long it takes."

It emphasized that the United States of America, "along with its allies and tools in the world and the region, are partners in this occupation's aggression and its crimes against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples and the peoples of the region. They bear full responsibility for the killing, crimes, and devastating humanitarian tragedies."

The movement also saluted "the strength and courage of our fighting brothers on the support fronts in dear Yemen and great Iraq, as well as the historic decision by the Islamic Republic of Iran to strike the heart of the Zionist entity with missiles in support of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples."

"Hezbollah's decision to open the support front on October 8 to back the Palestinian people and their honorable resistance is a decision in favour of justice and full humanity. At the same time, it is a decision to defend Lebanon and its people, for which our resistance and people have paid a heavy price, both in leadership and in military and material structures, as well as through the forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians and the heavy destruction of private properties," the movement said.

It added that despite "the continued limitless aggression of the enemy, we remain confident, by the will of Allah, in the ability of our resistance to repel the aggression and in the patience and steadfastness of our great, resisting people, until this calamity is lifted."

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Statement of Yemeni Resistance Organization Ansarallah

Ansarallah Commander Sayyed Abdulmalik Badr El-Din Al-Houthi delivered a speech October 7 marking the anniversary of the start of the Operation Al-Aqsa Flood. "The Israeli enemy has launched more than a quarter of a million airstrikes and artillery bombardments on the Gaza Strip over the past year and around 100,000 tons of explosives through bombs, missiles, and shells provided by the Americans," he said.

He listed estimated statistics on the destruction meted out against the people of Gaza through Israel's ongoing genocidal campaign.

"More than 10,000 tons consist of temporary mines that have not yet exploded, aimed at booby-trapping the Gaza Strip," he pointed out.

"The bodies of 7,820 martyrs in Gaza have not been buried, have not reached hospitals, and have not had their data recorded. These are all estimated numbers," he said.

"The disappearance of many bodies is due to the Israeli enemy's use of internationally banned U.S. weapons and bombs with genocidal and mass destruction effects," he said.

The Ansarallah Commander continued: "The Zionist enemy has mobilized all its resources, backed by America, Britain, and the supportive West, to attack Gaza with an army of 350,000 regular and reserve soldiers. Approximately 150,000 martyrs, missing, and wounded in the Gaza Strip."

"The Israeli enemy has committed nearly 3,700 massacres against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip," Al-Houthi said.

"Sequence of Aggression"

Al-Houthi emphasized that, "The criminal and aggressive path of the Israeli enemy was not born from the Al-Aqsa Flood; it is part of a historical sequence of aggression and crime by the Israeli enemy.

"Since the cursed Balfour Declaration and the beginning of gathering Jews to Palestine, the Zionists have followed a policy of massacres and brutal killings against Palestinians before the declaration of the entity."

He added that "The steadfastness of the Palestinian people has proven that resources, equipment, and supplies are not the decisive factor in battles. The resistance factions in Gaza continue the battle against the Israeli enemy, which is supported by the U.S. and the West, with great steadfastness in a very small and completely besieged area for nearly 20 years."

"The Al-Aqsa Flood operation comes within the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to confront the occupying enemy, which holds no legitimacy in its occupation, oppression, or crimes. Al-Aqsa Flood is a natural outcome of 105 years of aggressive war, occupation, land theft, murder, genocide, displacement, and assaults on sacred places, as seen in the first and second intifadas, after Arab failures and abandonment of Palestine since the humiliating agreements."

Al-Houthi also addressed the intensification of Israel's attacks on the occupied West Bank saying this crime was not born out of the Al-Aqsa Flood but is a historical sequence of crimes.

"The number of abductees in the West Bank has exceeded 11,000 Palestinians, with about 750 martyrs and more than 6,200 wounded. Some statistics have recorded approximately 1,400 attacks in the West Bank by the occupying settlers over the past year."

Lebanese Resolve

Turning to Lebanon he said: "If the enemy thinks that killing the esteemed Secretary-General of Hezbollah, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, may Allah be pleased with him, will weaken resolve, break morale, and lead to surrender, they are deluded and mistaken."

"The calls, words, and speeches of the martyr Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah are now even more motivating and driving forces for action and steadfastness in position. The Israeli enemy has not learned from past lessons in either Palestine or Lebanon."

He said that similarly, "the enemy" expected the morale of the al-Qassam Brigades "would collapse" after the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh.

Al-Houthi said "Efforts on the Yemen front continue in developing capabilities, raising performance levels, and increasing operations more and more. The popular mobilization in Yemen is unprecedented, unmatched in the Islamic world or anywhere else."

"We Are with You"

"We in the Yemen front have launched over 1,000 missiles and drones over the past year, and we have also used boats in the seas. Our armed forces have targeted 193 ships linked to the Israeli enemy, and also to the Americans and the British."

"Air and naval strikes by the enemies on our country amounted to 774 attacks, resulting in 82 martyrs and 340 injuries. No matter the extent of their military aggression against our country and the sacrifices we make, it will not deter us from our stance."

"Whoever supports the Israeli enemy with even a single word becomes complicit in all the crimes it commits. I say to our brothers in the Hamas movement, in Al-Qassam Brigades, in the Palestinian jihadist movements like Islamic Jihad, Saraya Al-Quds, and all the movements fighting in Palestine: We are with you, and our people are your supporters, moving with you in every way they can."

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