

The messenger of God exhorted ﷺ his companions رضي الله عنهم: “...and guard yourself against incurring the prayers of the oppressed, for, indeed, there is not between them and between God, any obstruction.” Bukhārī and Muslim.

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A Mawlawī’s Guide to Ghazzah and the Occupation

Ḥamzah wald Maqbūl



Pictured: The Ruins of a Destroyed Mosque, Dome and Minaret in Ghazzah

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Updated Toll of Death and Destruction

As of the composition of this document on the evening of Thursday October 26th, 2023, the civilian death toll has surpassed 7,000, including over 3,000 children. This does not include the over 160 Palestinians killed in the West Bank since the ignition of current hostilities.

Over 1600 individuals are still trapped under the rubble whose fates are yet unknown, including 900 children.

There are 18,000 injured in Gaza. Many of them are being treated in the halls of the overwhelmed hospitals. As of the last few days, premature babies have perished due to there not being enough electricity to power their incubators; there is no longer enough fuel to power emergency backup generators. Most surgeries and stitches at this point are being administered without anesthesia, as it is in acutely short supply.

Victims of Israeli airstrikes are coming to the hospital with gruesome burns. They complain of a new weapon that causes severe burning that goes through the flesh to the bone, and is painfully untreatable.

The targeting of residential blocks by the Israeli military has left upwards to 40% of Ghazzah's residential buildings reduced to rubble.

Over 36 Mosques have been obliterated, as has part of the compound of one of the oldest churches in Christendom, the Church of St. Porphyrius, the 5th Century Bishop of Gaza. The origins of the current complex go back to that era. Of the over 100 mostly Christian refugees seeking refuge there, 18 were immediately killed by Israeli Airstrikes, with hundreds more injured. With them was defiled an irreplaceable part of ancient Christian history and culture. To put in into perspective, much of Northern Europe was worshipping Thor and Odin at the time of St. Pophyrius.

Two of those killed, Viola and Yara were amongst the relatives of Michigan's 3rd District Congressman Justin Amash, yet due to the stranglehold on the political and media elites in this country, they can't bring themselves to condemn the killing of these two innocent young women, nor is their cousin Justin quite able to do so in clear language either.

Rafaḥ Border Finally Opens Letting in a Trickle of Aid

This last week has seen a breakthrough in the flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza. The aid was held up by relentless airstrikes and the callous diplomatic intransigence of the Israeli state. Even after a protocol was agreed to, aid convoys were further held up due to the Israeli airforce bombing the roads through the Rafaḥ crossing. In total only 74 aid trucks have been allowed through in a few convoys. Contrast this with a population of 2.3 million which has been deprived of food, water, fuel, medicine and any other link to the outside world for nearly three weeks; it makes the aid simultaneously precious while being a laughable photo-op in the face of the humanitarian catastrophe breaking over the heads of the people of Ghazzah due to its insufficiency.

One of the sticking points in opening the border is the demand to open it for refugees to come out. Many Ghazzāwīs share the same fear that the Egyptian administration has, namely that Israel will take the opportunity to force them permanently out of Ghazzah and into the Sinai.

Information Wars Continue

Just a few days ago, President Biden commented that he has "no confidence in the number that the Palestinians are using" for the total deaths inflicted on the civilians of Ghazzah. This is ironic given that he has uncritically repeated many, if not all, of the Hasbara talking points, as given to him by official organs of the Israeli military and government; they have succeeded in getting him to repeat lies many times over at this point, as has the legacy media and many prominent

politicians. Most embarrassingly, he repeated their fabrication about the beheading of babies, to which he added his own personal embellishment that he saw the photos, despite the Israeli military itself admitting they didn't exist, later on. This is just one of many examples.

However, when it comes to Palestinians, he is a stickler for evidence. The Ghazzāwī Health Ministry obliged in short order with a list of names, and a count of bodies that have been yet to be identified, for all the claimed civilians that have been killed hitherto; may God accept the martyrdom of the martyrs and not leave their blood unavenged in either world.

Talk of vengeance in the case of those who are killed with less regard for their deaths than dogs, is not due to lack of mercy, but quite the opposite. It is an affirmation that God did not make any innocent human being's blood in order to be spilled cheaply, and that His justice, love and mercy don't only count for one people and not another.

Hamas' Qassām Brigades Release Four Hostages

This week two Hamas hostages with American citizenship from Skokie, IL, were released without reciprocity or bargain. Judith Raanan and her daughter Natalie Raanan were released as a humanitarian gesture, a day after a speech by President Biden demonizing the group and shouting threats. The release was facilitated by Qatar and not secured by American diplomatic efforts, rather, it seems, it was secured by Qatar despite them.



A few days later, the elderly ladies Nurit Cooper and Yocheved Lifschitz were similarly released in a gesture brokered by Qatar and without any exchange or reciprocity. In a touching moment blatantly ignored by legacy media, Lifschitz went back to one of her guards for a moment and shook hands with him.

The legacy media companies made sure to quote her when she said that the experience of being taken was like having “been through hell.” They neglected to quote her when she also described her captors’ attention to their health, providing doctor’s visits, feminine hygiene products, eating the same food as them and in general treating them well: a luxury not enjoyed by the hundreds of Palestinians in indefinite captivity in Israeli jails without charge. She also mentioned the guarantee that she was given that she would not be treated with harm, as her captors were men who “believe in the Qur’ān.” This was also not found anywhere in the New York Times as far as I could tell.

al-Ahlī Hospital: Al Jazeera Forces the NYT’s Hand

The New York times, after having uncritically parroted the Israeli claims, first boasting to have hit the Ma‘madānī Ahlī Hospital as they informed the hospital they would, then walking their claims back and surreptitiously changing their narrative to being one of an errant Islamic Jihad missile hitting the hospital, then doubling down on that assessment themselves and taking emphatic reassurance from other sources like President Biden. They finally changed their tune this week.

The Times's finding does not answer what actually did cause the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital blast, or who is responsible. The contention by Israeli and American intelligence agencies that a failed Palestinian rocket launch is to blame remains plausible. But the Times analysis does cast doubt on one of the most-publicized pieces of evidence that Israeli officials have used to make their case and complicates the straightforward narrative they have put forth.

After having been confronted by irrefutable evidence that the attack originated in Israeli territory by superior journalism by Al Jazeera, they were finally forced to admit that the Israeli narrative was not true. They still doggedly held on to the claim, however, that this

didn't prove that the attack was by the Israeli military. What a sad state of affairs for the publication that claims that "democracy dies in the dark."

The BBC also claimed that it sent a request that evidence regarding the destruction of the Hospital, named after the Prophet Yaḥyā, عليه السلام, or *Yuḥannā al-Ma'madān*, as it appears in classical Arabic Christian scripture, to "experts," who corroborated the Israeli narrative, after some lighthearted disclaimers. Fact checkers looked into the "experts" in question and found them all to have deep ties to the American and Israeli military establishment; a far cry from impartial fact checkers. It matters not, as their falsehood was brained by Al Jazeera's superior analysis. On a lighter note, two comedians with an Egyptian accent found limited employment in the creative space as "Gaza

Terrorist 1” and “Gaza Terrorist 2” in the supposed audio evidence put forward laughably by the Hasbara’s ever progressively more non-credible media arm.

The fact that we are still talking about what should be obvious, is a big win for the Hasbara establishment.

Breakthroughs of Sympathy for Palestine in Popular Culture by UFC and Dave Chappelle

The Ultimate Fighting Championship’s UFC 294 event, perhaps the world’s premier combat sports competition, was swept by champion Muslim competitors, or as many commentators stated, “everyone with a beard won.”

The premier fight was that between Islam Makhachev and Alexander Volkanovski. Both tough and warlike competitors, the former stunned the world by knocking out the latter by a shin to the head minutes into the first round. In the victory interview within the octagon, still sweating and out of breath, he declared, *al-ḥamdu lillāh*, and proceeded to state his concern for the innocents of Palestine.

Xamzat Chimaev, Makhachev’s slightly more boisterous colleague declared in his post victory interview in the octagon, after a grueling win by decision against a formidable Kumaru Usman, that “I wasn’t born to fight in shorts. Hand me a rifle and I will go and fight in Palestine. I’m not afraid to die, but I’m afraid for my brothers.” In a subsequent interview shortly thereafter, when asked about this outburst revealing his very raw human feelings, he said that “every day I open Instagram, and I see dead kids. It’s hard.” He almost broke into tears and so did I when I saw. The interviewer tried to bring the interview back into the octagon, but at that point, he confessed he couldn’t go on, and turned away and walked off.

He said don't come begging for money from my country and then go drop bombs on children and cut off innocent people water and electricity. You have the audacity to pay to come see me and then tell me shut the F up no you shut the F up. The crowd started clapping and cheering for him and saying yes Dave and chants of free Palestine and then he said you're damn right free Palestine.

He went on a 15 minutes rant about being a Muslim and that the Israelis are projecting what's wrong with them on Muslims and the crowd kept on cheering. It was surreal.

Dave Chappelle brought up the wanton killing of civilians in Palestine in a show he did in Boston, to a packed house. A heckler told him to shut the F---- up. He bravely told him, "No, you shut the F--- up,"

then proceeded to recite a list of ugly realities about the occupation of Palestine which war-mongers and ethnostate zealots conveniently ignore. He did the same thing later this week in North Carolina, with seemingly little push back in either venue.

The common thread between these three is that they are all Muslim cultural icons in their fields who are known for their honesty and sincerity. They are real people who are loved for their genuineness. Their *ṣidq*, even in their own imperfect ways, has gotten the simple truth about Palestine to their otherwise unconcerned audiences, and has cut through billions of dollars of fake media and political gaslighting.

DeSantis, Florida and Freedom of Speech Being Sacrificed at Israel's Alter

This week the university system in Florida effectively shut down Students for Justice in Palestine, accusing them of providing support to a terror group. The

claim a cheap ploy to stifle free speech by a group which is not towing the official line of Israeli infallibility.



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TO: SUS Presidents
FROM: Chancellor Ray Rodrigues
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RE: Deactivation of National Students for Justice in Palestine

During a holy Jewish holiday, the recognized terrorist organization, Hamas, launched an unprovoked attack on Israel—among those killed were babies, women, and elderly. To date, approximately 1,400 Israelisⁱ have been killed, including 31 American citizens.ⁱⁱ Governor DeSantis, our State University System and the Florida College System have condemned these attacks.

Hamas is responsible for this attack and claims it as “Operation Al-Aqsa Flood.”ⁱⁱⁱ In the wake of this terror, military leaders of Hamas have called for the mobilization of Palestinians in support of the Operation.^{iv}

In response, and leading up to a “Day of Resistance,” the National Students for Justice in Palestine (National SJP) released a “toolkit” which refers to Operation Al-Aqsa Flood as “the resistance” and unequivocally states: “Palestinian students in exile are PART of this movement, not in solidarity with this movement.”^v

It is a felony under Florida law to “knowingly provide material support . . . to a designated foreign terrorist organization. . .” § 775.33(3), Fla. Stat. (2019). Here, National SJP has affirmatively identified it is part of the Operation Al-Aqsa Flood—a terrorist led attack.

The State University System of Florida has at least two institutions with active National SJP Chapters.

These chapters exist under the headship of the National Students for Justice in Palestine, who distributed a toolkit identifying themselves as part of the Operation Al-Aqsa Flood. **Based on the National SJP’s support of terrorism, in consultation with Governor DeSantis, the student chapters must be deactivated.** These two student chapters may form another organization that complies with Florida state statutes and university policies. The two institutions should grant these two chapters a waiver for the fall deadlines, should reapplication take place.

The move is pure posturing and will end in one of two problematic ways. Either the move will be challenged in the court system, and eventually nullified by the courts as an attack on First Amendment protected speech, thus proving to be a waste of time and money, as well as a cynical and

malevolent attempt by government to stifle free speech. Or, if it stands, it will provide precedent for other states to similarly stifle hitherto protected speech.

It is ironic that hypocritical seeming-conservatives, who have long complained about radical left-leaning campuses excluding conservative students based on their unpopular opinions might now provide the legal strategy by which one day a conservative student might be harassed for writing a statement in which

they affirm that there are only two genders, in states where there are similar levels of fanaticism for such matters.

The New York Times reports that several other Republican leaders have expressed their desire to stifle such speech on campuses and to exclude and/or deport any non-citizen who shows any level of distaste for Israeli war crimes, including the doxing of students at Harvard who expressed solidarity for Palestinians in their resistance to the occupation.

Israeli Airforce Targets Al Jazeera Reporter Wael Dahdouh and Murders His Family

US Secretary of State Blinken this week is reported by Axios to have told the Qatari government to reign in Al Jazeera's reporting of the genocide in Ghazzah. This is a completely inappropriate thing to say for a man who represents America, and more in line with a communist party boss' mindset.

Israel already assassinated Palestinian-American Christian photo journalist Shirīn Abū 'Āqilah, blamed "Palestinian Gunmen" for it, gave fake evidence, then were fact-checked into admitting guilt, albeit very shamelessly and without any consequence.

This time they sent threats to Al Jazeera Wael Dahdouh for several days, then, Wednesday, they killed his entire family, making good on their threats.

Dahdouh, in a move emblematic of the noble spirit of the Ghazzāwī people, buried his wife, 18-year-old son, seven year old daughter, and granddaughter, and is still reporting, saying he felt a duty to continue. Their blood might be cheap with the devils who killed him, but the honor of the oppressed is not forsaken in either world, may curses rain down on the transgressors.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres' Statement and Israel's Angry Response

This past Tuesday, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres issued a condemnation of all violence against civilians and called for it to stop. He made a number of neutral and fair-minded comments, including that the events on October 8th did not occur in a vacuum. This apparently has upset Israel and its rabid supporters to the point that they have taken to cursing him, calling him an antisemite, and calling for his ouster from the United Nations. Israeli UN Ambassador Gilad Erdan has said that in retaliation, Israel will not issue a visa to Undersecretary General for humanitarian affairs Martin Griffiths or other staff, threatening "The time has come to teach them (i.e. the UN) a lesson."

Anyone paying attention would be well-advised to take such a threat very seriously.

Palestine Protests in the West: Impunity Without Scrutiny

This last week has seen a spike in hate crimes against Palestinians, with a Palestinian man in Northeast Ohio being hit by a car whose driver taunted him before hitting him and sending him to the hospital with debilitating injuries.

A counter protester stormed a pro-Palestine rally in Skokie earlier this week and chased a woman in hijāb. When confronted, he pulled a gun and fired it in the direction of protesters. He was eventually subdued by police.

Another group of counter protesters were videoed intimidating pro-Palestine protesters and spraying them with pepper spray, even spraying a police officer. None of it was covered prominently in the news, and the levels of impunity with which pro-ethnostate thugs openly and flagrantly use violence in the public space does not bode well for law and order in this country.

A similar incident is reported to have occurred in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where a man drove his car into a group of protesters, and when confronted, pulled a gun and discharged it. Thankfully nobody was killed this time, but the level of impunity is alarming.

Palestine Protest Worldwide: An Escalation of Rhetoric

Just a few days ago, Turkish president Erdogan, in a speech to parliament said that Israel is behaving more like a mafia than like a state, and that there is no excuse for the wanton violence against civilians that they are perpetrating currently. Very clearly said that a ceasefire must be affected immediately, and that the international community must step in in order to halt the bloodletting. He made it clear until such a ceasefire has reached and equitable solution to the issue of the occupation is effected, he is not interested in Turkey having any relations with Israel. Rather, he seems to have made a very thinly veiled threat of intervention.

The prospect of Turkey 's intervention is a very grave one period it poses an existential threat to NATO, as the pact requires all member nations to defend any member nation which is attacked; if that doesn't happen, it will possibly herald the collapse of NATO. Furthermore, Turkey is a very formidable military force, and the prospect of its entering into military conflict with Israel is very dangerous for the stability of the current global order.

Scott Ritter Colonel MacGregor's Grim Assessment of a Ground Invasion

Retired Colonel Douglas MacGregor, a well-known and renowned military strategist, and thinker and former prominent Pentagon official, publicly lambasted the United States foreign policy on the current conflagration in Israel. He was particularly alarmed by President Erdogan's speech. When asked by former Fox News contributor Judge Andrew Napolitano about the level of bombast he felt was in President Erdogan's speech, he said that he found it

quite restrained and calm, and it shows that the anger in the Muslim world maybe at a level that is beyond our ability to contend with geostrategically. He rightly pointed out that the Turkish military is a large, well trained, and powerful fighting force. He also pointed out that we have nuclear weapons stored in Turkey, as well as bases, planes and personnel. He said that there is no upside to this thing for us.

Scott Ritter, retired marine and former lead UNSCOM inspector commented that a ground invasion by the Israelis into Ghazzah will result in catastrophic urban warfare, the likes of which haven't been seen since the epic battle of Stalingrad, one of the bloodiest battles of WWII and, indeed, of human history. Such a battle will require the commitment of over 100,000 troops, and will cause Israel to suffer heavy casualties. More perilously, it will open and expose their country to attacks on many fronts that they will not be able to simultaneously handle. This will either result in their collapse, or in The United states military getting sucked into yet another Eurasian land war without end which will end up costing trillions of dollars and being complete catastrophe.

Although there is talk of Israel firing nuclear missiles at Iran to preempt or retaliate for any nuclear attack from them, it is a known fact that Iran does not possess nuclear warheads. However, Pakistan does possess them and is rumored to have promised both Turkey and Iran that if they are attacked by Israel, Pakistan will launch a reciprocal retaliatory attack.

Continued Arming of Settlers and Unexplained Violence in the West Bank

While all of this chaos is raging in Ghazzah, settlers all over the West Bank have intensified their landgrabs, theft, violence and arms buildup. A mosque in Jenin has been leveled and artillery and other types of raids have been conducted against many homes and entire localities throughout the West Bank, in which Hamas cannot be listed as an excuse for acting with impunity.

Mawlānā Rūmī in Sharing One's Grief

Mawlānā, in one of the opening lines of the Masnavī-yī-Ma'navī says:

من به هر جمعیتی نالان شدم جفت خوش حالان وبدحالان شدم

I cry my sad story in every gathering readily, with the noble and mean.

The matter of Ghazzah has become a matter of the sanctity of life and justice. For reasons mentioned both here and in previous papers, even if we wish to ignore this issue, it will not ignore us. The fanatical defenders of the genocidal ethnostate have long ago identified all Muslims as their antagonists and have treated us as such.

We must, for the love of God and all that is just and good, keep talking, keep amplifying, keep explaining and keep crying out this story of injustice, cowardice, and evil amongst people until the momentum comes for its change. We cannot slacken therein. If people turn their faces away from us, we must walk around and keep reminding them that raining white phosphorous on babies, bombing mosques, churches, hospitals and assassinating reporters families for revealing truth is not okay. It has never been okay, and anyone who says its okay is a devil and is on the path to eternity in the hellfire, because God is just and He does not sanction evil.

أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ
مَسَّنَّهُمْ الْبَاسَاءُ وَالضَّرَّاءُ وَزُلْزِلُوا حَتَّى يَقُولَ الرَّسُولُ
وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ مَتَى نَصُرَ اللَّهُ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ

God, Most High, describes people before us who were shaken in their tribulations in His path to the point that even the best of His creation, the

prophets, عليهم السلام, and those who believed with them asked, “When is the help of God?” He immediately follows, with no pause, “Indeed, the help of God is near.”

Don't Look to the People, Look to God

God Asks in His book:

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَ آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ النُّذُرُ
كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا كُلِّهَا فَأَخَذْنَاهُمْ أَخَذَ عَزِيزٌ مُّقْتَدِرٌ
أَكْفَارِكُمْ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَوْلِيَّكُمْ أَمْ لَكُمْ بَرَاءَةٌ فِي الزُّبُرِ
أَمْ يَقُولُونَ نَحْنُ جَمِيعٌ مُّنتَصِرُونَ
سَيَهْرَمُ الْجَمْعُ وَيُوَلُّونَ الدُّبُرَ
بَلِ السَّاعَةُ مَوْعِدُهُمْ وَالسَّاعَةُ أَدْهَىٰ وَأَمَرُّ

And, indeed, the warnings came to Pharaoh's people, but they belied all of Our signs, so we seized them, the seizing of One Possessed of Might and Power. Are your ingrates better than they were? Or is their immunity from punishment found in any revelation? Their entire gathering will be defeated, and try to turn on their heels and flee. Nay, rather their appointment is the Hour of Judgment, and the Hour shall be more grave and bitter than their defeat in this world.

Resources:

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