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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

## Bloodbath in Gaza as Arabs, UN look the other way

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Deaths and injuries continue to rise in the besieged Gaza Strip as unarmed Palestinian protestors are targeted by the Zionist usurpers of their homeland for the second week running, while reactionary Arab leaders openly dally with Israel, the archenemy of Muslims by calling it "a friend sharing common interests".*

*Where is Islamic conscience? Where are humanitarian values?*

*As of Friday, at least 25 Palestinians, including underage children, have achieved martyrdom, while those wounded are more than 1,600.*

*The number of casualties grows by the day, but the UN Security Council remains unmoved.*

*Perhaps it will break its ominous silence and that too against the Palestinians, if the Gazans are forced to fire a few missiles on the industrial/military installations of the Zionists – similar to the case of Yemen, where the UN regularly denounces the Ansarallah defenders for responding to Riyadh's relentless bombardment of residential areas with some ballistic missiles!*

*It is indeed the height of hypocrisy on the part of the so-called World Body, as well as the powers that manipulate it, to issue toothless statements, such as that of the UNHCR, which merely cautioned Israel against using what it called "excessive" force.*

*The said statement is a tacit approval of Zionist terrorism, and wants Israel to continue its crimes against Palestinians in a "soft" manner.*

*An entire nation has been kept in bondage in its own ancestral land for the past seven decades by Zionist settlers who have no right to stay in Palestinian, let alone rule the occupied land under the spurious name of 'Israel'.*

*Yet the godfather of all terrorism, the US, thinks that by moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to the occupied Islamic city of Bayt al-Moqaddas, it can prolong the precarious existence of Israel on the map of West Asia.*

*And to complement the lawless US move, MBS (Mohamed bin Salman), the self-imposed Heir Apparent of Saudi Arabia, shamelessly says that Israelis have the right to rule Palestine.*

*If the Zionists are so dear to the Wahhabi cult, then MBS should relocate Israel to Najd, from where the originally Jewish Saudi clan hails, and spare Palestinians of the plight of deaths, detentions, destruction, displacement, and diaspora.*

*In such a situation, the Palestinians have no other option except to continue their struggle against the Zionists, with hope in God Almighty for the promised victory.*

*As the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, said on Wednesday: "Any move to negotiate with the cheating, lying and oppressive (Zionist) regime is a big, unforgivable mistake".*

*In his latest statement he called on the people of Muslim countries to coordinate and mobilize efforts to defeat Israel.*

*In view of these facts, it is time for the Palestinians to distinguish between friends and foes. The Islamic Republic of Iran, which is proud to have defended the people of Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, remains there only hope for reclamation of their homes and hearths from decades of Zionist occupation.*

In Letter to Ismail Haniyeh:

## Leader: We Feel Obligated to Support Palestine



TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has said that those who negotiate with the occupying regime of Israel are engaging in an act of "betrayal" and an "unforgettable error".

The Leader also pledged that Iran will continue to support Hamas in its fight against the Zionist regime in a letter to Hamas politburo head Ismail Haniyeh.

The statements by Ayatollah Khamenei came two days after Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman recognized Israel and

extolled the prospect of future diplomatic relations between his kingdom and the occupying regime.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that negotiating with "the deceptive, lying, and usurper regime (Israel) is an unforgettable error that will impede the victory of the Palestinian nation."

"The act of betrayal by some Arab heads of states — which is gradually being revealed — pursues the same goal," the Leader added, apparently referencing Saudi Arabia, among other reactionary regimes which have quietly improved their relations

with the Zionist regime in recent years.

Israel has hinted at clandestine ties with Saudi Arabia in recent years, stressing the two sides share an interest in countering Iran. A Saudi general visited Jerusalem Al-Quds in 2016 and met with Zionist lawmakers, and Saudi officials have met with Israeli officials on several occasions in public; Saudi Arabia also last month allowed Air India to fly to and from Tel Aviv via its airspace.

The Leader went on to affirm that the Palestinian issue is central to "the return of dignity and power to the Islamic nation," and that armed resistance against the occupying regime of Israel is the "only way to free oppressed Palestine".

In the letter to Haniyeh, which was posted on his official website, Ayatollah Khamenei expressed his support for the resistance movement

## Saudi Capitulation to U.S., Zionists 'Very Sad Tragedy'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran's Foreign Ministry said Friday Saudi Arabia's payment of billions of dollars to the U.S. and the occupying regime of Israel to win their support was a "very sad tragedy".

Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi touched on the ongoing power struggle within the Saudi royal family, saying Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman is also "making every ridiculous and shameful remark in addition to paying billions of dollars of Saudi

people's money".

"The recent Saudi policies are a very sad strategy because a Muslim country with all its ostentatious claims is stooping to the level of a sycophant to the regime occupying Al-Quds," he added.

In an apparent reference to Iran, the Saudi crown prince recently said Riyadh and Tel Aviv had "a common enemy" and that they could immediately normalize their relations once the Palestine issue was resolved.

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## Iran Warns of 'Special Surprise' If JCPOA Ditched

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Ali Akbar Salehi has warned of a "special surprise" if the Trump administration goes ahead with its threat to scuttle the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

"The enemies should know that in case of a JCPOA rollback - even though we are never looking for such a situation - special conditions will arise, and when the high ranking officials decide, there will be a special surprise for those who scuttle the agreement," he said Thursday.

"We are seriously looking to preserve our national interests and sovereignty, but if the

United States withdraws and Europe and other great powers retreat from this agreement, we will definitely do something different," he added.

Salehi described U.S. President Donald Trump as a businessman who has mixed trade with politics, trying to advance his agendas in the international arena with his unpredictable decisions.

Trump has been a vociferous critic of the Iran nuclear deal which was signed between Tehran and six world powers in 2015. He has called the JCPOA the "worst deal ever" and even threatened to tear it up.

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The Holy Qur'an

O ye who believe! take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love infidelity above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong.

The Holy Qur'an (9:23)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:06
Evening (Maghreb)	19:49
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:14
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:41

amid the ongoing Palestinian protests on the Gaza fence.

"We feel it is our responsibility to support you, in any forms as needed. This is a religious duty, and a humane responsibility, which goes beyond political events and changes; we will, God willing, continue performing this duty, like before," the Leader wrote.

On Friday, over 30,000 Palestinians demonstrated along the Gaza fence in a peaceful protest which turned violent as Zionist troops attacked them and shot dead at least 18 people.

Ayatollah Khamenei said, "No doubt, resistance is the only way to free an oppressed Palestine, and it's the only cure for wounds on the body of that brave and proud nation."

"Today the return of dignity and power to the Islamic nation is exclusively linked to resistance—while confronting arrogant powers and their wicked plots; and the issue of Palestine is at the top of Islam's international issues in the face of the arrogant front," the Leader added.

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## Pakistani Embassy Observes Kashmir Solidarity Day



Ambassador of Pakistan to Iran Asif Durrani and others are addressing the Kashmir Solidarity Day Ceremony in Tehran on April 05, 2018

### Kayhan Int'l Political Desk

TEHRAN -- The Embassy of Pakistan in Tehran organized a ceremony on Friday to observe solidarity with the people of Kashmir which has recently been the scene of bloody clashes with Indian forces.

Ambassador Asif Durrani, in his speech, paid homage to "the sacrifices of the valiant Kashmiris" and said that "the recent bloodshed has failed to suppress the indigenous struggle of the Kashmiri people aspiring for their right to self-determination".

Durrani accused Indian forces of perpetrating "a reign of terror and

bloodshed", saying more than 20 people had been killed in attacks, and an unspecified number of youths had been blinded by pellet guns used by the forces.

The Pakistani ambassador urged the international community to "pressurize India to stop the reign of terror".

He also called upon the permanent members of the UN Security Council to fulfill their commitments towards the people of Jammu and Kashmir under the Security Council resolutions.

Durrani further thanked Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and the Iranian government for supporting Kashmiri Muslims.