



Al-ʿAqṣā & Palestine: Our Responsibility



Our Responsibility

Islām is holistic.

Islām consists of FIVE (5) branches:

- 1. Aqā'id (Beliefs)**
- 2. 'Ibādāt (Acts of Worship)**
- 3. Mu'āmalāt (Financial Transactions)**
- 4. Mu'āsharat (Social Interactions)**
- 5. Akhlāq (Character)**

“These branches of the pure Sharī‘ah are so inter-connected that a deficiency in any one branch has such a profound effect on the others that it renders them soulless.”

Hazrat Muftī Ahmed Khānpūrī حفظه الله

We must strive to focus and perfect all five branches and not limit our focus to just one or two.

**How should we respond
to the on-going
Palestinian situation?**

1. Fulfil the Responsibilities Which Are Always Due On Us

1. **Tawbah: Repent for our sins.**
2. **Refrain from committing sins and aim to rectify ourselves to draw the mercy and pleasure of Allāh.**
3. **Our obligatory 'Ibādah (worship) Ṣalāh etc.**
4. **Du'ā' (Supplicate).**
5. **Abundant dhikr, istighfār , durūd etc.**

2. Develop The Concern In Our Hearts And Minds

Sayyidunā Nu'mān ibn Bashīr رضي الله عنه narrated:

“The Noble Prophet ﷺ said:

‘The similitude of the Muslims in their mutual love and mercy and affection for each other is like **one body**. When one limb of the body is afflicted with pain, the entire body is afflicted with insomnia and fever.’”

[Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī #6011, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim #2586]

2. Develop The Concern In Our Hearts And Minds

Our 'īmānī connection and relation demands that no matter how far another believer resides, if he is afflicted by hardships, another believer should also feel his pain within his heart.

Dual Responsibility

- 1. Be concerned about protecting Masjid Al-'Aqṣā and ensure that it does not slip away from our hands. We have to strive to regain total possession of it. We should feel pain and be angered by the desecration.**
- 2. We must feel the pain of the Palestinians who are courageously and valiantly defending Al-'Aqṣā and the surrounding blessed land.**

3. Educate Ourselves & Others

- **The root cause of not being concerned is ignorance.**
- **Educate ourselves and others on:**
 - **The significance of Al-'Aqṣā and its virtues.**
 - **The history of Al-'Aqṣā.**
 - **The history of the perpetual oppression in Palestine.**
 - **Do not educate yourselves through biased pro-Israel media channels (BBC, CBC, CNN, FOX, VOX).**
- **Revive and instill the love for Al-'Aqṣā in our hearts, the hearts of our children and the hearts of others.**

4. Assist and Save The Oppressed

There should be no deficiency on our part in the effort required to remove his pain. [Dars Riyāḍuṣ Ṣāliḥīn by Hazrat Muftī Ahmed Khānpūrī حفظه الله Vol. 4 Pg. 194]

﴿ وَإِنِ اسْتَنْصَرُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ فَعَلَيْكُمُ النَّصْرُ ﴾

And if they seek your assistance in Dīn (against the kuffār) then it will be **obligatory upon you** to assist them (against any enemy).

{Al-Anfāl:72}

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There are **two types** of rights which must be fulfilled:

1. **Ḥuqūqullāh**: the rights of Allāh. 'Ibādāt etc.
2. **Ḥuqūqul-'ibād**: the rights of others.

The oppressed Palestinians do have a right over us. It is our responsibility to fulfil that right.

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Nabī ﷺ said:

“A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. He does not oppress him, nor does he surrender him to his enemy (who will oppress him).”

[Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī #2442, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim #2580]

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It is necessary to save the Muslims from the ongoing oppression and injustice they are facing.

[Dars Riyāduş Şāliḥīn Vol.4 Pg.215-216]

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- The primary responsibility: Jihād on the men of this 'ummah.
- This is the ideal way to assist them and save them from the oppression.
- As mothers, we must educate our sons and the men in our family about jihād and its importance. Create the passion for it within them. Build their courage.
- The passion and desire to go forth in jihād to raise the banner of Islām and protect the Muslims must be instilled within our hearts.

5. Visiting it, Donating & Participating In Relief Initiatives

It was narrated that Maymunah, the freed slave of the Prophet ﷺ said:

“I said: ‘O Messenger of Allāh, give us a verdict regarding [visiting] Bayt al-Maqdis.’ He ﷺ said: ‘It is the land of gathering (al-maḥshar) and resurrection (al-manshar). **Go to it** and perform ṣalāh in it, for one ṣalāh [performed] within it is like one thousand ṣalāhs [performed] elsewhere.’ I said: ‘What if I am unable to travel towards it?’ He said: ‘**Then send a gift of oil to light its lamps, for whoever does that is like one who visits it.**’”

5. Donating & Participating In Relief Initiatives

- **Donate generously through reliable organisations such as Ummah Welfare Trust and Al-Kaatib Aid for Humanity.**
- **Our beloved Palestinians are starving and are thirsty beyond our imagination. The least we can do is to give what Allāh has bestowed upon us and send it to them to alleviate their hardship.**

5. Donating & Participating In Relief Initiatives

Sayyidunā Abū Saʿīd رضي الله عنه narrated from the Prophet ﷺ that he said:

“Any Muslim who **clothes** a naked Muslim, Allāh will clothe him from the green [garments] of Jannah. And any Muslim who **feeds** a hungry Muslim, Allāh will feed him from the fruits of Jannah. And any Muslim who gives a thirsty Muslim **something to drink**, Allāh will allow him to drink from the ‘sealed wines’ (raḥīqul makhtūm) [of Jannah].” [Sunan Abī Dawūd #1682]

6. Raise Our Voices Against The Injustice & The Oppressors

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ.

You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. **You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong** and believe in Allah.

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Sayyidunā 'Anas رضي الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:
“Help your brother irrespective of whether he is the oppressor or the oppressed. A man asked: “O Messenger of Allāh! I can help him if he is oppressed, but how can I help him if he is an oppressor?” He replied: “You should **stop him or prevent him** from oppression. This is how you should help him.”

[Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī #6952]

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Sayyidunā 'Anas رضي الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allāh صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

**“Fight the polytheists with your wealth,
your lives and your tongues.”** [Sunan 'Abī Dāwūd #2504]

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There are **four levels** of 'Jihād with the disbelievers and hypocrites':

1. Jihād with the **heart**.
2. Jihād with the **tongue**.
3. Jihād with **wealth**.
4. Jihād with **one's life**.

6. Raise Our Voices Against The Injustice & The Oppressors

- Refute and expose the injustice and oppression of the Israeli's brutal apartheid regime and those supporting it.
- Use social media wisely as a platform to do this.
- Demand our government to recognise Palestine as a state and sever ties with Israel.
- Write letters to the government.
- Start and sign petitions.

All of this is part of Jihād with one's tongue.

7. Boycott Israeli Companies And Companies That Aid Israel



Act Now Against These Companies Profiting from the Genocide of the Palestinian People

Consumer boycott targets:



Divestment and exclusion targets:



Pressure targets:



Organic boycott targets:





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- **This comes under jihād with one's wealth.**
- **Boycotting weakens the enemy.**

Boycott x Starbucks

Starbucks has **lost nearly \$12 Billion** in its market cap since the beginning of the genocide in Gaza.

**Boycotting
does have
an impact.**

**Starbucks has lost
nearly \$12 billion!**



RECAP

- **Protecting Masjid Al-'Aqṣā and assisting the Palestinians who are defending it is our responsibility.**
- **Helping those who are oppressed and raising our voices against the oppression is our duty.**
- **It is part of our Dīn.**
- **This is not only our responsibility at this moment. This has always been our responsibility.**
- **Focus on fulfilling our responsibility. Leave the results to Allāh Ta'ālā.**

May Allāh Ta'ālā grant us the understanding and the tawfīq to fulfil our responsibility.

May He grant us the ability to do as much as we can to assist our **Palestinian brothers and sisters and save them from this ongoing oppression.**

May He grant us the ability to play our role in protecting Al-Quds and our beloved Masjid Al-'Aqṣā.

Āmīn.