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## THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS: THE INEVITABILITY OF THE HUMAN NATURE

O you who believe! stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you swerve, and if you distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do. (Qur'an 4:135)

Certainly, our hearts are saddened by the strife and carnage we are seeing in the Middle East. All human life is sacred. Al-Islam, (Islam), does not permit terrorism, nor the taking of innocent lives, therefore, we categorically denounce and condemn such behavior from Hamas, Israel, or any person, group, or government on this earth. We must all work for justice and the dignity of the human being. Understanding that justice can be both subjective and relative, justice for some won't be justice for others. Peace is a difficult thing to reach after a long period of strife, but mankind must continue to work as honest brokers and as equals seeking a fair and equitable two-state solution. We pray for peace between Palestinians and Israelis.

In 1917 with the Declaration of the Balfour Accord the British Government decides to give Palestine to the Zionist as a Jewish state for a national homeland. The Palestinians objected to the action. Since that time the global distaste for that action has been consistent from onlookers who believe in Justice.

In 1948 the State of Israel declared its independence. The name of the land mass changes from Palestine to Israel. Israel took more of the land than what was proposed by the United Nations. How can you have a two-state solution when the process started off unjustly. Palestinians wouldn't agree to the United Nations proposal, because they didn't see it as just. The human nature is not going to accept an unjust proposal with its eyes open. The world's population has been watching this scenario for over a century and things haven't changed. Until justice is on the table circumstances won't change.

Muslims believe oppression is worse than slaughter. You can't treat human beings as subhuman and not expect reprisal. The African American experience of slavery is a testimony to that. The history of the Irish people is another testimony to that. And there are other struggles for freedom and liberations going on throughout the globe today that testify to that.

In the 1800 hundreds, the American government realized that if it didn't fight the system of chattel slavery it couldn't have a semblance of a civilized society. Freedom is the birth right of all people. The human nature is not comfortable when it is not free. Jews, Christians, Muslims and others let's be honest and true to humanity, our basic nature tells us, that we are to be free to express the inalienable rights that has been given to us by our Creator and until we have that freedom, it's in our human nature to strive and sacrifice for it.

As this crisis continues to escalate, our prayer is that Almighty G-d will protect the innocent civilian lives affected by this conflict.

As Salaam Alaikum
Peace Be Upon You
Imam DR Abdel Jaleel Nuriddin
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