

## Al-Kuds (Jerusalem), a historic prospective

In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

Dear brothers,

We have a responsibility towards the generations to come not to forget the Alaqsa Mosque and its status for this Muslim nation. The Alaqsa mosque is not a Palestinian matter but it is a matter for the entire Islamic nation. For the history of the Alaqsa Mosque is a history of the prophets starting with Adam (PBU) up all the way to our prophet Muhammad (PPBU); Muhammad whose journey to the heavens started at that holy place. Allah says: {Praise Him who took His slave in his night journey from the Haram Mosque to the Alaqsa Mosque which we blessed all that is round it}.

Dear Muslim brothers,

The issue of the Alaqsa Mosque and the Palestinian issue can not be separated at all from the Islamic issue. It is not just a Palestinian land, or an Arab land, but in fact it is a land for all Muslims. This holy city is a city of peace. The Alaqsa Mosque represents the chain of monotheistic history which Islam was its last link. Jerusalem (or Al-Kuds) was and still is a long story of struggle between good and evil above its land; Ever since it was built by the Kanaanian Arabs 3000 years before Christ. Let us consider the facts of the history because today we see major and dangerous changes through out the media. The Jews

are fabricating and falsifying history. They claim that Palestine is their promised land and Muslims have no right to it.

Jerusalem or Al-Kuds has deep roots with prehistoric civilizations. Three thousand years before Christ the Kananian Arab tribe emigrated from the Arab peninsula to the banks of Jordan river. This immigration was due to the drought that hit the Arab peninsula. This land was known then by the Kanan's Land. The Kanans gave the Jerusalem city its first name which was: "Or-Salam" which means the City-of-Peace. The Jews took this name and twisted it as they always do with everything and put it in their book the Torah with the name of "Or-Shalom". Al-Kuds city had other names as well. Omar ebn-Khattab in the declaration he wrote to the people of the city he used the name "Eylyaa".

In this land prophet Abraham (PPBU) was born. He came calling his people to worship one God and to stop worshipping idols. His people decided to burn him and Allah saved him. Abraham left the land of Kanaan and immigrated to the Asham (Syria). When drought hit the Sham land Abraham immigrated to Egypt. The ruler of Egypt was about to make an attempt on Sarah the wife of Abraham. Allah saved Abraham and his wife Sarah and they emigrated once again from Egypt to the Kanaan land. Sarah gave Abraham a present of a young lady called Hajer. That's when Ishmael was born as the son of Abraham and Hajer; and that's when Sarah became jealous of Hajer. Abraham migrated once again bringing Hajer and her son to Mekkah and Sarah was left at the land of Kanaan. Abraham kept on traveling between Sarah and Hajer until he was

command by God to build the Haram Mosqu (the Kabba) with his son Ishmael. When the Kabba was built in the city of Mekkah; Abrahm returned to the Kanaan land and he built another mosque for worshipping Allah. This building he built is the holy Alaqa Mosque.

Ebn-Taymia in his Al-Aqsa Mosque wrote that Abraham started the Alaqa Mosque as a simple building; but it was Suleiman (PBU) who made it into a great building. Abu-Thur (أبوذر) was reported saying: "I asked the messenger (PPBU): "Which mosque was first put on this earth?" He said: {The Haram Mosque (Kabba)}, I said: "Then which mosque followed that?" He said: "The Alaqa Mosque" I asked how long it was between the two? And answered: "40 years". I said: "Then which mosque followed that?" He said: "Then pray where ever the time of prayer is becomes due. All earth is a mosque for you".

Al-Kuds remained since that time worshipping one single God. Al-Kuds remained under the control of the ARab Kanaanies. Abraham remained living in peace, safety and security with the Kannanies.

All that continued until the sons of Jacob (PBU) immigrated to Egypt under the invitation of Prophet Joseph. The children of Israel increased in number while in Egypt until Allah sent his messenger Moses (PBU) in Egypt. He called the children of Israel to worship one single god. They were stubborn; they resisted, challenged and confronted him. Prophet Moses asked the children of Israel to go with him to go to the holy land as Allah has decided. Their famous saying to Prophet Moses: "Go

you and your God and fight, we are staying". The messenger (PPBU) told that Allah punished them by prohibiting them entering the holy land for forty years. They were left lost in Sinai desert for the forty years. Prophet Moses asked Allah to take his soul near the holy land and it was only a stone through away. The messenger (PPBU) kept on saying: "If we were there now I would show you his grave just near or at the foot of the red hill".

Prophet David took over the city of Al-Kuds. Al-Kuds is where prophet Suleiman was born and it was him who built the Mosque. Centuries passed and the Romans took over the holy land. They knocked down the Al-Kuds and rebuild another city on top of it and called it Eeylyaa. The city remained known with this name until it was taken by the Muslims during the rule of Omar ebn-al-Khattab by the military leader Obeida-ebn-Al-Jarrah. The inhabitants of the city refused to hand in the city's key. The head of the roman Church (Safr Niyooos) insisted to hand the keys to the head of the state Omar ebn-al-Khattab. Omar did travel to the city in the tremendous procession and entourage of two people. Omar; himself and his assistant riding a donkey. He received the keys and wrote the people of the city the famous promise or Omar declaration to the people of Eeylyaa. Later on Khalifa Abd-Al-Malik ebn-Marwan built the Alaqsa Moswqu and the Dome of the Rock Mosque. The city remained under Muslim and Arab control until the Cuspidors wars. The city fell into the hands of the Crusaders in the year 1099. The Crusaders committed the atrocity of genocide when they slaughtered seventy thousand Muslims inside the grounds of the Mosque. The killing continues

until the blood in the city reached the horses knees. Al-Kuds city remained in the hands of the Crusaders for ninety one years. The crosses were erected on all sides of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. They prevented prayers from being held at the holy Mosque. This continued until the Islamic nation was blessed with Salah-Ed-Deen. We ask Allah to bless the Muslim nation with another Salah-ed-Deen. He reclaimed the city back from the Crusaders after the battle of Hetteen in the year 1187.

Muslim rulers again fell victim to weakness and worldly life desires and the love to be in charge at any price. They forgot the peak of the Islamic religion: Jihad in the line of Allah. The second crusading campaign started and they took over Al-Kuds again in the year 1228; when the sultan Al-Kamel Al-Aayoooby shamefully and disgracefully gave up the city. But it was reclaimed again by Al-Nasser Dawood eleven years later in the year 1239 and remained under Muslim control until the start of the twentieth century. When the Prime-minister of Britain issued what was known as Belfour declaration on 02<sup>nd</sup> November 1917. Belfour declaration promised the creation of a Jewish National Home land in Palestine. In 1948 the Jews were able to invade the holy land; in fact they took over 78% of the area of all the Palestinian land. That day their Priminister Ben-Goryoun at the United Nations declared to the entire world that the Jewish faith puts a claim to Palestine and the Al-Kuds city. He is quoted saying: "We may not have the right to the land of Palestine from a political or legal points of view; But from a religious view we Palestine is rightfully ours. It is the land that God promised us from the Nile River to the Furat River". He also said that every Jew must now migrate to the country of

Israel or other wise he will be considered as a non-Jew. He was also quoted saying that there is no meaning to country of Israel without the city of Al-Kuds and without the Temple of Solomon, and any where else other than the land of Palestine.

Dear Muslims brothers, Palestine was, is and will always be a Muslim land from historical and religious points of view. Jews have no religious or historical rights to Al-Kuds.

Al-Kuds city and the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque have great importance in our faith, religion and our ideas. It was our first Quibla (location faced by Muslims during a prayer) for prayers. When prayers became compulsory after the night journey to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and to the heavens. Al-Aqsa Mosque remained the Quibla for Muslims for over four years until Allah instructed His messenger to change to Mekka after it was cleared of all the idols.

Al-Kuds is the land of the famous night trip of the Messenger (PPBU)

Al-Kuds is never separated from Islam. It is not considered just a Palestinian land, or just an Arab land, but a land for all Muslims. And there is no way it can be returned under Islamic control except when all Muslims hold tight to the way of Allah and return to his religion.