



Message of H. E. Dr. Hassan Rouhani  
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
on the occasion of

***“the Observance of the International day of solidarity with the Palestinian people”***

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*In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

Today, while we commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the occupation of Palestine has entered into its seventh decade. The existence of more than five million Palestinian refugees, expansion of occupation through new settlement building activities in West Bank and Al-Quds-al-Sharif, the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians, building the racial separation wall, the cruel blockade on Gaza, and the desecration of al-Aqsa Mosque by extremist Jewish settlers, etc. are among the sad consequences of the occupation of Palestine. In this regard, extensive measures by the Zionist regime, including judaizing al-Quds-al-Sharif, changing its demographic and geographical nature, supporting the Zionist extremists in their attacks against the holy al-Aqsa Mosque, all are taking place at a time when the situation in the region has taken on dangerous dimensions due to the settlement expansion and forcible transfer of non-Jewish people.

This approach of the Zionist regime is aiming at judaizing al-Quds-al-Sharif and ruining all its historical and Islamic appearances, predominating all Palestine territories and preventing Palestinians from returning to their homeland which once more reveals the racial intention of this regime to occupy more Palestinian territories and to trample their inalienable rights. The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that these actions not only cause the worsening of the situation in the occupied territories but will also have grave regional and international security consequences. Unfortunately, all of these actions are taking place at a time when the international community has not taken any effective measures to end this tragedy and to restore the rights of the defenseless Palestinians.

Due to the support by few members of the Security Council, the Zionist regime has been increasing its inhumane actions against the Palestinians. By its aggressive actions and policies in the Middle-East region, especially in Syria and Lebanon, this regime has jeopardized peace and stability in the region.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is of the view that the end of these long conflicts and disputes in the Middle East and the establishment of a lasting and just peace in the region are only possible through the settlement of the Palestine question, including the return of all



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Palestine refugees to their homeland and establishing a united Palestinian Government with al-Quds-al-Sharif as its Capital, through a referendum with the participation of all historical inhabitants of Palestine.

While expressing its full solidarity with the Palestinian people, the Islamic Republic of Iran once again emphasizes the important responsibility of the international community to put an end to the occupation of Palestinian territory and helping the Palestinians to achieve their legitimate rights.

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