

**Message from the Prime Minister of Pakistan**  
**on International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**  
**(29 November 2017)**

We are commemorating the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people at a particularly poignant moment in the political history of Palestine; this year marks the centenary of the 'Balfour Declaration', the first act in the Palestinian tale of pain and suffering that continues to this day. Generations of Palestinians have faced dispossession, displacement and deprivation at the hands of the illegal Israeli occupation of their homeland.

The situation in the occupied territory is not only a travesty of justice, it is also a collective failure on part of the international community to bring an end to the plight of the long-suffering Palestinian people. Israel continues to flagrantly violate international law as well as all norms of humanity, in its occupation of Palestine.

A two-state solution based on internationally agreed parameters, the pre-1967 borders and Al-Quds Al-Sharif as the Capital of Palestine, is not only an imperative for a just settlement of the Palestinian issue, it is also a precondition for lasting peace and stability in the region.

Pakistan remains steadfast in its commitment to the cause of our Palestinian brethren. We are confident that their valiant struggle against occupation will soon be crowned with the shining glory of success. We will continue to support all efforts towards this noble end.

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