

# Hizb ut-Tahrir Britain

## *The Liberation Party*

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Ambassador Bilgiç,

As-salamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu,

We write to you regarding the recent standoff at Masjid al-Aqsa, a grievous injustice which has reminded Muslims around the world of the humiliation and subjugation that our brothers and sisters in Palestine are facing daily.

The Palestinians in the precincts of al-Quds face harassment, expulsion from their homes and the risk of arbitrary detention for opposing the attempts of the occupier to erase the Islamic identity of the city. Despite these risks and their limited resources, the believers of al-Quds have taken a noble stance to stand in the face of the occupiers with no weapons except their iman in Allah and their voices.

It is a historic mark of humiliation for the Muslims as a whole – and for you in particular as the representative of a state with huge resources – that these crimes take place against the rightful inhabitants of Palestine in the heart of the Islamic world, but are met with silence from the rulers in the Muslim lands, who have the capacity to confront the Zionist entity but choose inaction.

Worse than this, your government actually works to expand its economic and military ties to the oppressor through negotiations for a planned gas pipeline, and the aim to increase bilateral trade to \$8bn per annum over the next 5 years. Your government thus acts as a strategic partner in the occupation, despite the great anger the believing Turkish people hold towards the Zionist entity for its crimes against their brothers and sisters.

This is a disgraceful record. We call on you to reflect on your real responsibilities and:

- Denounce the Zionist entity as an illegal occupation that deserves no recognition, and which has no rightful authority over a hand-span of Islamic land.
- Sever all your government's ties with the Zionist entity, whether military, economic or cultural.
- Utilise all resources to isolate and confront the Zionist entity, which, despite its boasts and propaganda, does not possess the resources to confront the states in the region.
- Warn your British counterparts that the Islamic Ummah is huge in number, possesses vast resources and will one day remove its treacherous rulers – and so advise them that their role in the oppression of the Muslims will be a source of regret that they can avert now by ending their support of the Zionist entity.

We have no doubt that these actions – and more besides them – lie within the capability of Turkey, a powerful land beloved to all Muslims that enjoys resources that dwarf those of the Zionist entity.

*“O you who believe! fear Allah and speak the right word, He will put your deeds right for you, and forgive you your faults; and whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, he indeed achieves a mighty success.”*

[TMQ Surah al-Ahzab, v70-71]

Yours sincerely,

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