



Statement by the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

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On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, we salute our friends in Hungary and across the world, who showed their support and solidarity with the Palestinian people in their legitimate endeavors to achieve independence and the realization of a free State of Palestine, with Jerusalem as its capital. More than 70 years have passed since the Palestinians languished under the occupation; thousands and thousands lost their lives, tens of thousands were injured, hundreds of thousands were illegally detained; homes were demolished, lands were bulldozed, trees were uprooted, yet the Palestinian people remained steadfast and defiant on their land despite all such atrocities.

We commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people this year where COVID-19 still is depleting resources and exhausting capabilities, as if the occupation pandemic was not sufficient. The severity pandemic was not of any good reason to discourage the occupation of killing and repression. Rather, it maintained its unjustified and illegal siege on the Gaza Strip, indifferent to the difficult health conditions and medical needs in light of the pandemic, and in the aftermath of a bloody aggression that caused massive death and destruction. The occupation exploited with maliciously the world's preoccupation with the pandemic, consolidating its colonial practices in the West Bank and the occupied city of Jerusalem, intensifying security checkpoints throughout the West Bank, expanding settlement construction, accelerating the demolition of homes and expelling the indigenous Palestinian population, unleashing and protecting the settlers to attack unarmed Palestinian civilians and their lands, homes, properties, trees, worships places and even cemeteries. It continued attempts to tighten life on the Palestinians in Jerusalem in various ways with the aim of pushing them to leave and hence change the demographic nature of the Holy City. Even the Palestinian detainees were not spared; dozens were isolated, hundreds were oppressed, and medical care was neglected for all detainees.



Despite all this, the Palestinians did not show any signs of surrender. They stood fast and defiant to such atrocities. In fact, the Palestinian people and their leadership have shown a serious commitment to live, to stability and to peace, through painful compromises and the acceptance of a state on a small part of historical Palestine. This painful but strategic choice was given in return for a better future for all the peoples of the region. However, the logic of arrogance and bullying blinded the decision-makers in the occupying state, as they mistakenly believed that the Palestinian people can be marginalized and overthrown. Nonetheless, the determination and the absolute belief in their just cause and the inevitability of achieving freedom stood as an impenetrable dam against all the malicious schemes and conspiracies of the occupation.

The Palestinian story of dedication, resistance, struggle and hope created a massive support worldwide. On the one side, the resistance and persistence of the Palestinian people to gain freedom and independence became an inspiration and a model for many people across the world. On the other hand, the continuous arrogance, bullying and oppression by the occupation provoked a lot who can't tolerate witnessing brutal practices wasting human value and dignity.

As such, this day has become a beacon for all those who support justice, equality and human rights; those who stand against the crimes, violations and illegal practices; and those who prioritize freedom over occupation. On this day, people across the world renew their commitment to a moral cause and their belief that the only way to achieve justice, stability and peace is through the realization of an independent Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital.

We recall on this day when the United Nations General Assembly divided historical Palestine into two states (Resolution 181 in 1947). We will remain determined and hopeful for a new day when we fulfil the promise to achieve the inalienable rights and build a future of peace, dignity, justice, and freedom.

On this day, the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary salutes all friends, institutions and organizations in Hungary and across the whole world, who have always stood by justice and expressed their support for Palestine, and their solidarity with the Palestinian people.