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THE LEGALIZATION OF AL AQSA MOSQUE AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR JEWS IS ANOTHER FACE OF ZIONIST AGGRESSION AGAINST AL AQSA MOSQUE

All praise and thanks are due to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, Lord of the worlds. May our shalawat and greetings be delivered to Prophet Muhammad sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam as the messenger of Islam, the religion of rahmatan lil 'alamiin.

Al Aqsa Mosque was again desecrated by Zionist entity apartheid Israel. The Israeli court decided to allow Jews to worship inside Al Aqsa Mosque, as reported by Republika, Thursday 07 October 2021 and many other media. The legalization was published after Aryeh Lippo, a hardline Jewish rabbi, submitted an application to the Zionist court.

Zionist Israel has repeated what Ariel Sharon did in 2000, breaking into Al Aqsa Mosque escorted by thousands of soldiers and police. Ariel called this action as an affirmation that Al-Haram ash-Sharif holy site complex belongs to the Zionist state. At that time, Palestinian people responded to Ariel Sharon's provocation with the second Intifada, Al Aqsa War.

Al Aqsa Mosque is considered as the third most sacred mosque by Muslims after al-Haram Mosque and Nabawi Mosque. Al Aqsa Mosque is an Islamic site in Jerusalem with the status of Islamic waqf which has been managed by the Jordanian government since 1948. Therefore, Zionist Israel has no right to interfere in its management, let alone desecrate it.

In relation to the Israeli Zionist's crimes against AI Aqsa Mosque which are increasingly blatant day by day, hereby we present the following statements:

- 1. We strongly condemn Israel's policy of allowing Jews to worship at Al Aqsa Mosque. This is a provocative and unreasonable policy, allowing Jews to worship in mosques, places of worship for Muslims. Meanwhile, they severely restrict Muslims from worshiping at Al Aqsa Mosque.
- 2. This move of legalization is another face of Israeli aggression against AI Aqsa Mosque. It shows that Israel's commitment to peace is a mere political jargon that is used only to deceive the world. This policy will make Jews able to enter AI Aqsa Mosque more freely and of course there will be more potentials of clashes between Jews and Muslims inside AI Aqsa Mosque.
- 3. Apart from being provocative, the basis for this legalization is not justice and humanity, but the terms and rules made is based on the racist spirit of the so-called Jewish state of Israel. This legalization further reveals the main plan of Zionist Israel which is to take over and destroy AI Aqsa Mosque and replace it with Solomon Temple.
- 4. Al Aqsa Mosque is a complex of worship that should be respected and protected, as the teachings of Islam commands Muslim to protect places of worship of other religions (Surah Al Hajj 40).
- 5. The degree of holiness of Al Aqsa Mosque is very high for Muslims around the world. Therefore, it is called upon Muslims to respond to this legalization and all



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Israel's crimes against AI Aqsa Mosque and Palestine by continuing to support the efforts of liberation of AI Aqsa Mosque from the Zionist's hand.

- 6. We urge world leaders to make real efforts to protect Al Aqsa Mosque from the evil plans of Zionist Israel who daily desecrates this sacred area, violating the sanctity and legal status of Al Aqsa Mosque.
- 7. To all Palestinian people, it is called upon to be patient and continue to inflame resistance against Zionist Israel. However, it must be realized that the move of resistance will only succeed if all components unite for the realization of national unity. Disputes, let alone internal divisions, will only perpetuate the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

May Allah Ta'ala guide us in these efforts and record them as good deeds. We say thank you jaziila and jazaakumullah khairan jazaa' for your attention. Allahu Akbar, Al Aqsa Haqquna.

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