

## Empty Slogans and Private Calls

During a private phone call between Benjamin Netanyahu and Joe Biden, Netanyahu reiterated his previous comments about rejecting the idea of creating a Palestinian state. Netanyahu has recently said, “I will not compromise on full ‘Israeli’ security control over all the territory west of the Jordan River — and this runs contrary to a Palestinian state.”

The media reported that discussions revolved largely around a future demilitarized Palestinian state, an idea that Biden found “intriguing”. The conversation was described as serious and detailed, focusing on the attributes of a future Palestinian state that would need negotiation. However, Netanyahu has said ‘Israel’ must fight until it achieves “complete victory”. So, in the meantime, the genocide will continue.

This conversation took place exactly a week after tens of thousands of protesters gathered in downtown D.C. to call for a ceasefire in Gaza and to end U.S. aid to the Zionist entity. Protesters displayed flags and chanted slogans like “Free, Free Palestine”, carrying signs calling the Zionist entity an “Apartheid State” and President Biden, “Genocide Joe”. Strong accusations were levied against America and many speakers called it a genocidal colonial empire with a lengthy history of engaging in acts of genocide and colonialism. All this is putting pressure on the current administration to save face.

Now, the Biden administration weasels out of accusations of genocide by stating that they are in “talks”. The public disagreement between Biden and Netanyahu over the future of Gaza and the two-state solution now lies in bridging the gap between their differing views. So, as Gaza burns to the ground, all talks and chants have revolved around the future of a Palestinian state and a ceasefire.

This is an opportunity for Muslims in the West to remind all that the resolution to this genocide lies solely in the complete liberation of Palestine from the existing occupation. Allah (swt) says, **﴿وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ جَهَنَّمَ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا﴾** **“And whoever defies the Messenger after guidance has become clear to them and follows a path other than that of the believers, We will let them pursue what they have chosen, then burn them in Hell—what an evil end!”** [TMQ 4:115].

The real solution as prescribed by Islam lies in the mobilization of the Muslim armies to provide support to Palestine and its people. This is a duty on the armed forces of the Muslims. Neither Biden nor Netanyahu have a right to discuss how and what measures are required to end this conflict. Ceasefire, one-state, or two-state solutions are discussions promoted by the unaware or the adversaries.

Only liberation of the entire Blessed Land of Palestine is acceptable. Leaving any part of the land under occupation is forbidden. Moreover, propping up a crippled nationalist entity in a land soaked with the blood of countless martyrs is a betrayal to Allah, His Messenger, and the believers. It is imperative that we, as a Muslim community, present the real solutions and put an end to meddling hands and tongues.

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