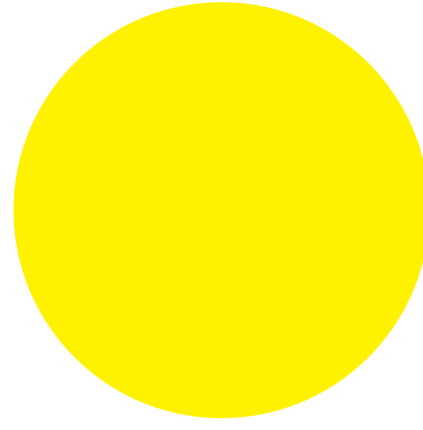


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Requiem for humanity

The political and legal aspects of the Zionist regime's crimes in Gaza



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During the 48 days of the Zionist regime's aggression on Gaza, the legal status and ethical credibility of human rights principles in international law faced a critical test, challenging the legitimacy of the occupying entity and unabashedly questioning the credibility of international systems. In such circumstances, how can the global community demand the enforcement of humanitarian law in the face of statements from Zionist authorities such as "subhuman," denying the essence of Palestinian humanity? Yes, when humanity becomes a victim in the slaughterhouse of politics, mourning for the human race should precede everything else!

It is clear that the events of October 7, 2023 did not occur in a vacuum. The heinous phenomenon of the Zionist regime has been committing crimes and consolidating its occupation since 1948. Many of these crimes have been lost in the shadows of history, while others have been consigned to oblivion in the dark corridors of politics.

In the midst of all this, what is certain is the legitimate right of the oppressed Palestinian people to resist against an occupying regime. The root of the invasion dates back to 1948, marking the beginning of the Zionist regime's occupation. It is evident that one should not fall into the trap of this deceptive fallacy; in international law, there is no such thing as defending against legitimate defense! What is happening in the Gaza scene is, in fact, the continuation of the crimes of an occupying regime. In this context, the October 7 operations are not only derived from the inherent right to determine destiny but also a legitimate response to years of Zionist occupation. Strategically, the heroic operations of the Islamic Resistance have shattered the myth of the invincibility of the Zionist regime and exposed this fabricated regime to multiple layers of crises from within.

The Geneva Conventions of 1949, as the culmination of humanity's historical effort to regulate armed conflicts systematically, oblige all states not only to comply with their rules but also to ensure their observance by others. Despite this, more than 20,000 people have been killed, with 70% being women and children. An additional four times this number have been injured. These figures continue to rise daily in Palestine, and the international community remains baffled by the repeated violations of human principles.

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An Israeli attack helicopter releases flares while flying over the Gaza Strip on December 1, 2023.

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