

Western culture disgraced in Gaza



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The eyes of the world have opened to the emptiness of various platitudes often repeated by Western liberal regimes due to the sheer barbarity of the genocide of Gaza. This historical moment was uniquely recognized by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khamenei, on 29 November 2023 during a meeting with members of the Basij movement.

The crimes committed during the genocide of Gaza has not only exposed the leaders of the liberal West, according to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, but “have also disgraced Western civilization and culture” itself. “Western culture and civilization is a civilization that when 5,000 children are martyred with phosphorous bombs, the head of a certain Western country stands up and says that Israel is “defending itself,” Imam Khamenei added.

At times, the West purports itself to be the bastion of liberal values, of which the Gaza genocide has disgraced the hollow, hypocritical platitudes of liberalism. At other times, the West purports itself to be the bastion of Christian values, of which the Gaza genocide proves that the values of the religion of Christianity are nowhere to be found within the socio-political systems of the West. Their two great claims, to be both liberal and Christian (despite those two ideologies being contradictory), were fully disgraced and

exposed as hollow and hypocritical slogans by their full-fledged support for the Zionist occupation’s savagery in Gaza.

Liberalism is an ideology that can best be summed up as rejection of God and submission to the ego. If we are to take the lofty slogans of liberalism at face value, then it should in theory be a social philosophy of tolerance and humanism. However, in practice, these slogans fall apart, showing an ideology that only tolerates various flavors of liberalism, and seeks to subjugate any

nation that does not share its values. “[The other front is] the deceptive front that calls itself ‘liberal democracy.’ But actually, it is neither liberal nor democratic! They are lying when they say they’re a liberal democracy. If you are liberal, why did you colonize others — [in the form of] traditional colonialism, modern colonialism, neocolonialism? What kind of liberals are you? What kind of freedom-seekers are you?” the Imam Khamenei said in regards to the false promises of liberalism. The ongoing genocide of Gaza further

disgraces liberalism’s slogans and exposes its hypocrisy. In their eyes, the people of Palestine are “terrorists” for engaging in their moral, legal, natural, and divine right to armed self-defense and resistance to a military occupation, while “Israelis” are considered “innocent civilians,” despite the fact that all men and women above age 18 are either active-duty army or army reservists, making them an active part of a violent military occupation. Humanitarian concerns and sympathies are not afforded to the Palestin-

ians who are oppressed, but rather to the military occupiers who do the oppressing. Over 7,000 children in Gaza have been killed so far. The spillover of the dehumanization of Palestinians has reached the West, where a six-year-old Palestinian child was stabbed to death by his own landlord in Chicago, USA. This dehumanization has been endorsed by the Western liberal regimes, which leads to further bloodshed. The liberal claims of “freedom of expression” have also been exposed to