## هجوم لمقاتلي الدولة الإسلامية على كنيسة بمدينة "إسطنبول" في تركيا يسفر عن مصرع نصراني وإصابة آخر بجروح





تركيا - إسطنبول - وكالة أعماق: نفّذ مقاتلان من الدولة الإسلامية هجوما مسلحا على كنيسة للنصارى بمدينة "إسطنبول" التركية. وقـــال مصـــدر أمنـــي لوكالـــة أعمـــاق إن مقاتليـــن مـــن الدولـــة الإســلامية هاجمــا صبــاح اليــوم. الأحــد، كنيســة للنصــارى في حــي "بويوكدير" بمدينة "إسطنبول". وأضــاف المصــدر أن الهجــوم وقــع أثنــاء تأديــة النصــارى لطقوســهم المعتادة يوم الأحد، وأسفر عن مقتل نصراني وإصابة آخر بجروح. وأكّد المصدر انسحاب منفّذي الهجــوم من مكان العملية بسلام. وبيـــن المصــدر أن الهجـــوم جـــاء اســـتجابة لنـــداء قـــادة الدولـــة وبيــن المصــدر أن الهجـــوم جــاء اســـتجابة لنـــداء قـــادة الدولـــة وبيــن المصــدر أن الهجـــوم جــاء اســـتجابة لنـــداء قـــادة الدولـــة

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The following statement by ISIS, issued in Arabic, describes an attack on "Jews" and "Christians" inside a church in Istanbul, Turkey, which was allegedly carried out "in retaliation for the Gaza war".

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الاسلامية باستهداف البهود والنصاري في كل مكان.



## حقيقة اليهود

فيجـبُ على المسـلمين أن يعرفـوا حقيقـةَ اليهـودِ كمـا بيّنهــا اللــه تعالــى، وأن يُدركــوا طبيعــةَ المعركــةِ معهــم في ضــوءِ آيــاتِ القــرآن الكريــم، وليــس كمـــا تذكرُهــا كثـــبُ السياســةِ الجوفــاء والمراجـــعُ الوطنيـــةُ العَوجـــاء. فالمعركةُ مع اليهود معركةُ دينيةُ ليست وطنيةُ ولا قومية!

مقتطف من كلمة الشيخ أبي حذيفة الأنصاري -حفظه الله- «واقتلوهم حيث ثقفتموهم»



In this ISIS statement, Abu Hudhayfah Al-Ansari, spokesman of the group, is quoted regarding the fueling of the fire of enmity with "Jews" and not "Zionists".



## Reaction to Operation Al-Aqsa Storm

After Hamas's Operation Al-Aqsa Storm began on October 7, 2023, many Islamic and even non-Islamic countries supported Hamas and condemned the subsequent crimes committed by the Zionists. This effectively formed an international and Islamic coalition around the unity of the Islamic world and the rejection of Zionism in the region.

Even though almost all Islamic communities in the Middle East region as well as Western and Eastern politicians and officials took a negative stance against the actions of the Zionist regime and condemned its crimes — even if it was just to keep up the pretenses — the least reaction was observed from ISIS. This lack of reaction demonstrates that ISIS is acting against Hamas and in the interests of the Zionist regime.

For instance, in the first week after Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, ISIS did not show any reaction to the operation. However, ISIS supporters republished some old media content originating from this group that called Hamas apostate.

Eventually, to maintain appearances, ISIS reacted implicitly to the events of the Occupied Territories in its final editorial and infographic in the 412th issue of its al-Naba Weekly, which was published on Friday, October 21. In the editorial, ISIS implicitly referred to the sufferings of the people of Gaza and, in the form of religious discourse, demanded support for the afflicted Muslims.

Despite the situation, the ISIS group still could not hide its grudge against Hamas. By highlighting the need to help the people of Gaza in their plight, it criticized Hamas and the people of Gaza. For example, its

Al-Battar Foundation tried to give advice in one of its infographics, and without mentioning names, invited the people of Gaza to endure suffering and hardship in the way of God and not in the way of the nation or the land. The same foundation, in another infographic titled "Which way are you walking?" stated that the sympathy of the nation of Muhammad with their brothers in Palestine is pleasing, and they are happy to kill and reject the Jews. But the question is, did these actions take place in the way of God and with the announcement of "the word Allah" or were they done to establish a civil and secular Palestinian government?

In fact, the positions taken by ISIS reveal that instead of defending Muslims against the Zionists with all its might, it has adopted a policy that both confirms the doubts about its cooperation with the Zionists and opposes Hamas and other resistance groups in order to weaken them.

After adopting these positions, ISIS has not taken the slightest action to show that it intends to harm the Zionists. Instead, with blind attacks on Jews and Christians of the world, it is trying to divert public opinion, which is now heavily against Zionism, from the incident in Gaza. The terrorist group is trying to switch the places of the oppressor and the oppressed, or, in other words, the executioner and the martyr. Furthermore, it plays into the hands of those who try to cast Muslims as terrorists. Of course, as stated, these actions are all aimed at re-legitimizing the Zionist regime in bombing the innocent people of Gaza.

The Zionist regime has also shown us another piece of the puzzle via its precise division of labor, and that pertains to its efforts at aligning ISIS with

Hamas in the media and public opinion. When you combine the narratives that, on the one hand, ISIS is attacking innocent Jews and Christians all over the world and, on the other hand, the Zionist regime has entered into a war with Hamas, which is repeatedly labeled as similar to ISIS, it appears to the untrained eyes of the public opinion that the Zionist regime's war with Hamas is, in fact, a war with a group like ISIS — a group that has no other goal than carrying out terrorist operations against innocent people around the world. Therefore, it is quite clear that the actions of ISIS in the last few months have not only not harmed the Zionist regime, but have completely been in service to the Zionist regime.

## Anote on ISIS ideology

In the previous section, we explored the media favors given to the Zionist regime by ISIS from behind cameras and computers. They were essentially aimed at inciting the Jews and Christians of the world and pushing them back towards Israel. However, in this section, we try to provide evidence that ISIS serves the Zionist regime from a military point of view as well.

But before fully exploring this position, it is necessary to mention the basis on which ISIS acts against the axis of resistance and thereby serves the Zionist regime. The basis in question, of course, relies on Wahhabism, a way of thinking based on which the Shias are polytheists and apostates and have left the Islamic Ummah, and as a result, the battle with them precedes the battle with the Jews, Christians, and infidels. It was for this reason that Abu Musab al-Zarqa-

wi(spiritual father of ISIS) also considered the battle with the Shias to be superior to the battle with the infidels and people of the book. He officially declared: "Our fight with America is an easy task because America is a clear enemy and due to its lack of intelligence, it neither knows our land nor the real position of the Mujahideen. We know for sure that these crusading forces will leave either today or tomorrow. But the real enemies are Rafidas [a derogatory term that refers to Shias] who seek to expand their control over military and economic forces. They are also seeking to form a comprehensive government that includes Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and the Gulf countries. For this reason, the Rafidas are considered an adjacent and dangerous enemy of the Sunnis. Of course, it is true that America is the main enemy, but the danger of the Rafidas is greater and their harm is more severe. They are more deadly for the Islamic Ummah than America."

It is based on such principles, branched off from Wahhabi thought, that ISIS prefers fighting against Shias and their allies (even if they are Sunnis) over fighting against infidels. In other words, they consider Shia to be polytheists and Sunni jihadist organizations — which, they claim, support polytheists — to be apostates. Then, they argue that fighting polytheists and apostates is preferable to fighting the followers of the Abrahamic religions (i.e. Jews and Christians).

Therefore, paying attention to the destructive effects of Wahhabi ideology is obligatory for every careful observer. That ideology, which is at the core of the ISIS movement, is further promoted by Zionist thinkers and leaders.



