

Remarks of His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the occasion of the 3rd Inter-Parliamentary Al-Quds Platform

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Prime Minister of Malaysia Mr Mahathir Mohamad,

Esteemed Members of the Inter-Parliamentary Al-Quds Platform,

Distinguished Guests,

I respectfully greet you in the name of myself and my country.

I hope that the third conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Al-Quds Platform titled 'Towards Strategy for Defending Al-Quds' will proceed in a way that will serve its purpose.

First of all, I would like to state that I find the organisation of this conference meaningful and important at such a time.

The plan, which made headlines in the world's agenda as 'the so-called deal of the century' and declared Al-Quds as the capital of Israel, is nothing but a dream that threatens peace and tranquility in the region. We will not let this dream come true.

We do not recognise this plan, which means annexing Palestinian territories, completely destroying Palestine and completely extorting Al-Quds. We never accept this initiative that apparently accepts a two-state solution but indeed translates to legitimising the Israeli occupation under the auspices of the American administration.

While Palestine has been subjected to destruction and suffering for years, Israel has unfairly and illegally reached its current borders. It is impossible for Turkey to remain silent to the annexation of Al-Quds and leave our Palestinian brothers alone in this struggle. I want to emphasise once again that Al-Quds is our red line.

As Muslim countries, our most important responsibility in this process is to protect the privacy of Masjid al-Aqsa, to protect Al-Quds as a monument of peace and to defend the rights of Palestinians.

In the face of a step marking the beginning of a process that will affect the entire world, especially the Middle East, the policy followed by some Islamic countries presents a dismal picture.

It is unacceptable that some Islamic countries adopt a pro-attitude towards this invasion plan in contrast to the unfairness and cruelty exhibited by the Israeli administration. It should not be forgotten that Al-Quds is not only the cause of Muslims in Palestine. Al-Quds is the dignity and common cause of the Islamic world.

The developments have shown once again that Israel and its supporters will continue to implement their treacherous plans, as long as the Muslim world does not break away from its fragmentation and disagreement. Muslims should come together and fight shoulder to shoulder to solve the common problems of Muslims, especially Palestine, and to eliminate injustice all over the world.

We will continue our objections to the persecution in Al-Quds and Palestine; we will continue to advocate peace, justice and independence. It is also our greatest desire that Muslim countries show their determination to govern Al-Quds in accordance with the importance it signifies for the Muslim world.

Once again, I would like to thank the Platform for the Inter-Parliamentary Al-Quds for their support for Palestine and for defending the cause of Al-Quds.

I sincerely greet all members of this organisation, which brings together Al-Quds-loving parliamentarians, keep the Al-Quds case on the agenda with the events they organise and supports the Palestinian people's struggle for honour.

I wish your consultations will lead to the liberation of Al-Quds and the awakening of the Islamic world.

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