

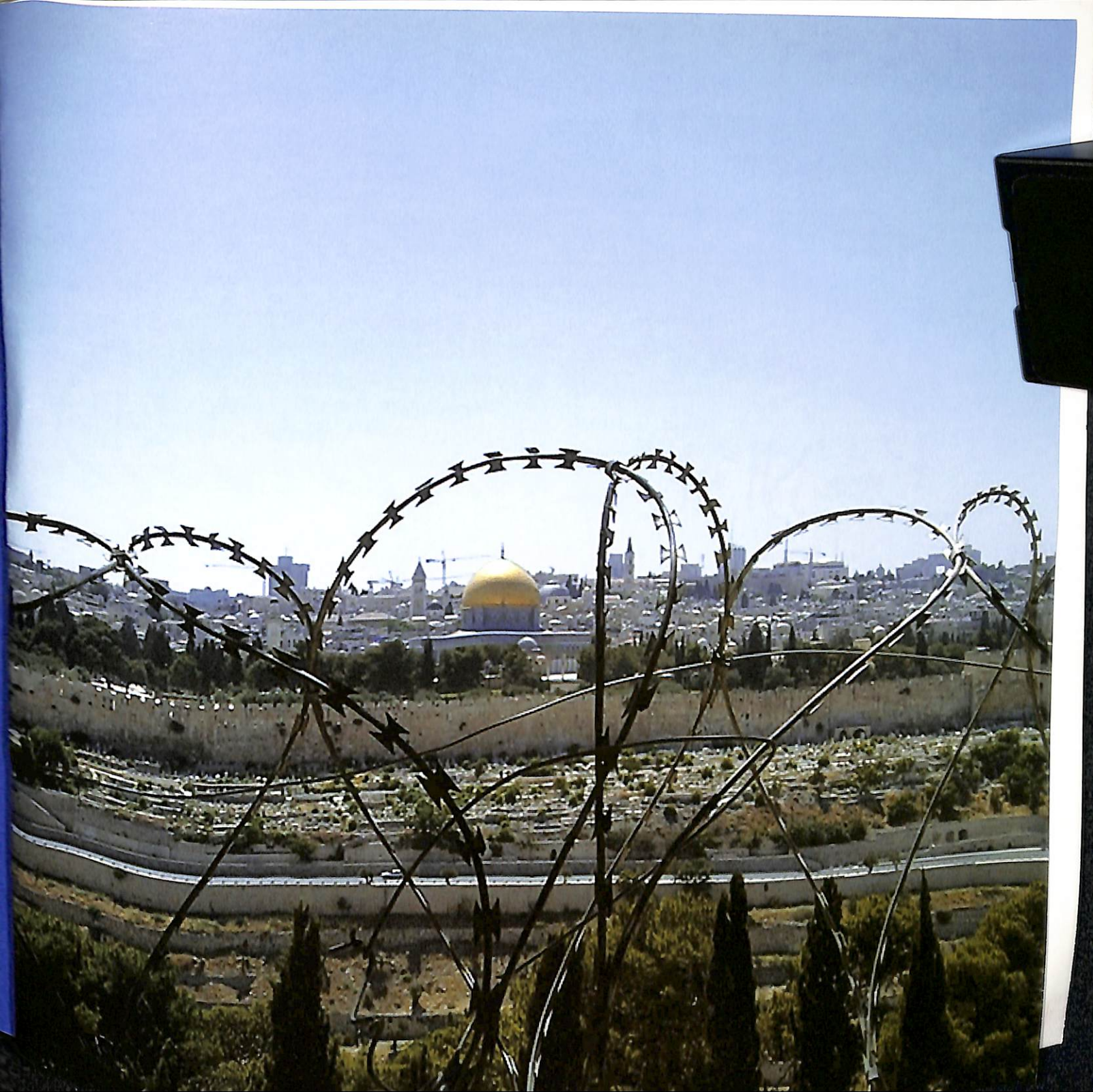


القدس... حصاد الأربعين

al Quds: the Harvest of Forty Years

القدس... 40 عاماً في الأسر

al Quds: Forty Years in Captivity



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مقدمة

في العام 1948 احتلت العصابات الصهيونية غربي القدس، ضمن مساحة 77% من فلسطين، وأعلنت قيام دولة "إسرائيل"، وفي العام 1967 استكمل الجيش الصهيوني احتلال القسم الشرقي من القدس، فاستكمل بذلك أسر هذه المدينة العظيمة.

من العام 1967 إلى العام 2007، أربعون عاماً من احتلال كامل القدس. أربعون عاماً والاحتلال يشوّه وجه القدس، ويهودّها، ويقتلع سكانها، ويسلخها عن هويتها العربية الإسلامية، وأيديه الخفية تحفر مهددةً أقصاها، أملاً في الاستيلاء عليه أو تقسيمه... أربعون عاماً تمرّ وقد أوشك الجدار على خنقها... أربعون عاماً وحرّاس الأقصى يهبون لحمايته بالصدور العارية في وجه كل اعتداء... أربعون عاماً فشلت خلالها الحفريات في العثور على أي أثر يهودي أو عبري من أي نوع... أربعون عاماً تمر والاحتلال يحاول خنق الحياة فيها ليطرده أهلها منها، لكنهم صامدون فيها رغم الحصار والتضييق... أربعون عاماً والاحتلال يحلم بقدس يهودية ويسعى لتحقيقها بكل جهده، لكن صمود المدينة يقف حائلاً دونه حتى اليوم. أربعون عاماً ولم تتحرر القدس بعد....

حصاد أربعين عاماً قاسية من الاحتلال للقدس نستعرضها باختصار في هذا الكتيب المصور.



Introduction

In 1948, Zionist gangs occupied 77% of Palestine including the Western parts of al-Quds “Jerusalem” and declared the establishment of the state of “Israel”. Then in 1967, the Zionist army occupied the east part of al-Quds. Thus it completed the captivity of this great city.

From 1967 to 2007, forty years of complete occupation of al-Quds have passed. Forty years and the occupation continues to disfigure the face of al-Quds, Judaize it, uproot its occupants and detach it from its Arab-Islamic identity. Its hidden hands continue to dig, threatening its al-Quds, hoping to seize it or divide it... Forty years have passed and the wall is on the verge of strangling it... Forty years and the guards of al-Aq³§ continue to spring to its defense with their naked- chests in the face of every aggression...

Forty years during which the excavations failed to uncover any Jewish or Hebrew archeological relic of any kind... Forty years have passed and the occupation continues its attempt to strangle life in it, in order to expel its people from it; yet they remain steadfast in spite of the siege and restrictions... Forty years and the occupation continues to dream of a Jewish al-Quds and strives to realize it, sparing no effort. Yet the city’s perseverance stands in its way up to this day. Forty years and al-Quds is not yet liberated ...

The harvest of forty hard years of the occupation of al-Quds, we briefly review them in this illustrated booklet.



All thanks and praise belongs to Almighty Allāh the Creator, Nourisher and Sustainer of all the worlds. Peace and salutations on Prophet Muḥammad (P.p.u.H), his family and friends and all those who follow him until the end of time.

It is a tremendous honour and privilege for me to have been asked to write the foreword of this extremely important, beneficial and prestigious book namely "Al-Quds ... The Harvest of Forty Years". It depicts the 40 year old battle and struggle of the Palestinian people by way of chronologically documenting events and graphically illustrating it. The issue of Palestine, al-Quds and Masjid al-Aqṣā is one that forms part of the very essence of a Muslim's belief and purpose for his existence. The love, concern, reverence and affinity that Muslims have and feel for Palestine, Masjid al-Aqṣā and the Palestinian people are things

that have been edged and engraved in the hearts and minds of Muslims for many centuries and generations, and it will continue to enjoy this kind of status, reverence and importance until the end of time.

For us as Muslims the thought of al-Aqṣā without Muslims or Muslims without al-Aqṣā is unthinkable and impossible to bear. We are and will continue to be inextricably linked to Palestine, al-Quds and Masjid al-Aqṣā, God-willing. The resolve, perseverance, commitment and dedication of the Palestinian people are traits to be admired and marvelled at. As human beings firstly, and as Muslims it leaves us in awe of them.

This book is replete with information and undeniable facts of how the Israeli Zionist Occupiers plotted and planned to systematically usurp and steal the Palestinian lands from its rightful inhabitants and owners from the year 1948 until present. Any human being, Muslim or not, if he reads this book and looks at all the facts contained in it, will come to the realization and conclusion that the Zionists' motives are not really religious as they claim. Rather it should be categorically stated that their motives are purely based on greed and their pre-occupation with power.

If any human being that possesses even one iota of humanity reads this excellent work on the 40 years of struggle of the Palestinian people, and does not feel any need to come to the aid of these people in some way or the other, then there must definitely be something wrong with his sense of humanity (i.e. what it means to be human).

In conclusion, the Palestinian struggle is a struggle of human beings wanting to live their lives in peace and at peace with everybody (i.e. Muslims, Jews and Christians). They have the innate right to be treated in a dignified manner by virtue of the fact that they are human beings like everybody else. We are supposedly living in a civilized world. Where is the civility of the rest of the world when it comes to the Palestinian people? This book is an absolute must read!!

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