

Hamas calls on Palestinians to resist Israeli restrictions on al-Aqsa Mosque during Ramadan



Pigeons fly in front of the Dome of the Rock shrine at the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of al-Quds, ahead of the start of the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan on February 28,

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Gaza City, March 3 (RHC)-- Hamas has urged all Palestinians to mount a “large mobilization” and resist Israeli restrictions on the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of al-Quds during the holy month of Ramadan.

In a statement published on the Palestinian resistance group's Telegram channel, senior Hamas member Abdul Rahman Shadid issued a call to action, urging Palestinians to converge on the courtyard of the sacred site throughout the Muslim fasting month.

He emphasized that Palestinians “must not surrender to the restrictions of the occupiers. We must confront them with all our strength and adhere to our historical and religious right to the blessed mosque.”

Shadid called for “roaring crowds” to protect the al-Aqsa Mosque compound all through Ramadan.

Earlier, Hamas condemned in the strongest terms the Israeli police's measures to “restrict worshippers' access to al-Aqsa Mosque during Ramadan, allowing only 10,000 worshippers to attend Friday prayers.”

The Gaza-based movement described these steps as “a new escalation against the Palestinian people and their holy sites, a dangerous precedent that undermines freedom of worship at al-Aqsa Mosque, a blatant violation of all conventions and religious laws, and a direct provocation to Muslim sentiments.”

The movement also considered it “a desperate attempt to impose alleged control over the mosque.”

Hamas affirmed that “the Zionist entity's crimes and aggressive plans against al-Aqsa Mosque – Islam's third holiest site and a symbol of Palestinian identity – will not succeed in erasing its identity or altering its history.”

The movement stressed that “Al-Aqsa will remain an exclusive Islamic endowment, with no place for the occupation. Our people and our nation will defend it with their lives until it is fully liberated from occupation.”

Hamas warned the occupying Israeli regime against “proceeding with such measures,” holding it fully responsible for any escalation that may happen. The movement called on the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the international community to “take serious action to stop the crimes and violations of the occupation against al-Aqsa Mosque and to ensure that the Palestinian people can freely practice their religious rituals there.”

Hamas finally urged Palestinians across the West Bank, al-Quds and elsewhere in the occupied territories to “intensify their presence at al-Aqsa Mosque, engage in worship and seclusion there during Ramadan, and confront all attempts by the occupation and extremists to desecrate or impose control over the mosque.”

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