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## Statement on the Israel-Palestine Conflict

Dear community members,

Over the last couple of weeks, we have witnessed scenes of horror and devastation occurring in Palestine, where scores of people have been killed or injured in the recent violence. Whilst there has been aggression on both sides, this is by no means a balanced conflict. Rather, it is one that stems from the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories and is perpetuated by the continued expansion of Israeli settlements, which has led to thousands of Palestinians being expelled from their homes and making them refugees.

The Jamaat would like to openly condemn the ongoing above injustices committed by Israel towards the Palestinians, which is illegal under international law, as stated in **Resolution 2334 of the UN Security Council**, which states:

*“...the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-State solution and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace”*

When asked about companies that support Israel, Ayatullah Sistani's office has said:

*“There is no permission as to dealing with Israeli products and products of companies which are known to be supporting Israel in an effective way.”*

<https://www.sistani.org/english/qa/search/4355/>

Below you can find:

- A full statement by the Office of Ayatullah Sistani regarding the recent clashes in occupied Palestine.
- A report published by the UN Human Rights Council, published in February 2020, which contains the names of 112 companies with links to the illegal Israeli settlements

We encourage Mu'mineen and Mu'minaat to actively engage with their local MPs and support petitions in order to unequivocally express our feelings regarding the abominable and criminal activities that are being perpetrated against the people of Palestine.

We extend our hands and pray for our brothers and sisters who are facing oppression, in Palestine and other parts of the world, through the Wasila of Sayyeda Fatima (as) and Sayyeda Zainab (as). We pray for their safety, security and freedom from oppression.

**The Executive Committee,  
Wessex Jamaat**

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