

## Descriptive Analysis of The Obligation To Support and Assist Palestine in The Defense Economy for Muslim

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### Abstract

*This research explores the importance of the task of supporting and assisting Palestine in the field of economic defense for Muslims. This research aims to highlight the importance of helping our brothers and sisters in Palestine and fulfilling our obligations to Allah. Through descriptive analysis depicting obligations and responsibilities towards Palestine, this research seeks to provide insight into the moral and ethical dimensions of supporting a just cause. By examining the principles of cooperation in goodness and benevolence as outlined in Islamic teachings, this research underlines the importance of solidarity with those in need. The findings of this research underscore the important role that individuals and society play in upholding justice and compassion in the face of adversity. Ultimately, this study serves as a call to action for all believers to actively engage in efforts to support and assist Palestine in their economic defense.*

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## INTRODUCTION

### بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

May Allah ﷻ can open the eyes of the writer and readers through this article, as a form of our efforts to help our brothers and sisters in Palestine. Hopefully this is also our responsibility to Allah ﷻ in our efforts to help our brothers and sister in Palestine. Supporting and helping Palestine is an obligation that must be carried out. Allah ﷻ is faithful:

...وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ ۖ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

“...Cooperate with one another in goodness and righteousness, and do not cooperate in sin and transgression. And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah is severe in punishment. Surah Al-Ma'idah Verse 2”

Tafsir Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah / Markaz Ta'dzhim al-Qur'an under the supervision of Shaykh Prof. Dr. Imad Zuhair Hafidz, professor at the al-Qur'an faculty at the Islamic University of Madinah: "After Allah forbade doing wrongdoing, then Allah ﷻ ordered us to help and help each other in matters of birr and piety; birr is all good deeds, while taqwa is fear of Allah and avoiding all His prohibitions and carrying out all His commands. And Allah ﷻ forbids helping each other in matters of sin and injustice, because this is not the morals of believers. Then Allah commanded His servants to be devout and threatened those who disobeyed His command with a severe punishment (TafsirWeb, n.d.)." This verse explains the obligation to obey God's commands, and please help in good deeds. The good deeds that are the main focus of the author here are the obligation to support and help Palestine.

From the Hadith narrated by Imam Bukhori ﷺ along with an explanation regarding buying and selling of people who fight the Muslims (one of the good deeds that must be done), is contained in Hadith Bukhori No. 2064 which reads:

بَابُ الشِّرَاءِ وَالْبَيْعِ مَعَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ وَأَهْلِ الْحَرْبِ عَنْ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ أَبِي بَكْرٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: كُنَّا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ : صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ثُمَّ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ مُشْرِكٌ بَعِثَ يَسُوفُهَا ، فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بَيْعًا أَمْ عَطِيَّةً أَوْ قَالَ أَمْ هِبَةً ؟ قَالَ : لا ، بَلْ بَيْعٌ ، فَاشْتَرَى مِنْهُ شَاةً

In chapter “*Syiro’ wal Bai’ Ma’al Musyrikin wa Ahlil Harbi*” (The chapter on buying and selling with Mushrikians and people who fight). “From Abdurrahman bin Abu Bakr λ said, We were with the Prophet γ then a polytheist came with a goat. So the Prophet γ ask : “Is it sold or given (given)? He replied, “No, it’s for sale. So he bought a goat from him(Al-Bukhari, 2010).”

Ibnu Bathal in saying, (Chapter about buying and selling with polytheists and people who fight Islam). Ibn Baththal stated that social interaction with infidels is permitted, except in the case of selling something that can be used by the enemy to fight the Muslims(Asqalani, 2018).

The wisdom behind this ban is clear, that we are obliged to take action to support and help the entire Muslim ummah, especially when the enemy weapons they are preparing will be used against the Muslim ummah. There is no doubt that jihad against the enemies of Allah who are fighting Muslims, both Jews and others, is an obligation. This can be done with life and property (not attacking confrontationally). Included in this are all efforts that can weaken their economy and anything that can cause losses for them.

In defense economics, state sovereignty, security and people's welfare are the main focuses that must be improved through improving the economy with existing national resources, including the development and improvement of military weapons. Defense economics, in various contexts, is the relationship between military spending and economic growth. The benefits of applying economics to the defense sector include a deeper understanding of the trade-offs in allocating resources between defense and other sectors, the efficiency of spending on defense, as well as the overall impact of defense policy on economic development or vice versa. Economics can strengthen the defense sector by providing a framework for analyzing the relationship between military spending and economic growth (Dunne et al., 2005).

Here we can observe and make hypotheses about the sources of supply of Zionist weapons and the origin of the funds they obtain to complete their weapons capacity. Knowing this, we will not hesitate to take action against the enemy's economy to limit their supply of weapons used to carry out genocide in Palestine and the problem is. The United States is Israel's largest arms supplier, and has helped Israel build one of the most technologically advanced military powers in the world. According to data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the US accounted for 69% of Israel's total imports of major conventional weapons between 2019 and 2023. In addition, the US provides \$3.8 billion (£3 billion) in annual military aid to Israel based on 10 year agreement aimed at maintaining Israel's "qualitative military superiority" over its neighbors (Gritten, 2024).

The main goal is to raise awareness about the suffering of the Palestinian people, emphasizing the importance of support and solidarity from the global Muslim community. By highlighting their struggle, the author hopes to inspire readers to take concrete actions such as economic boycotts, donations, and other forms of activism. These actions are seen as important in weakening the economic and military capabilities of those seen as oppressors.

Supporting Palestine is not just a political or humanitarian act, but a religious obligation rooted in Islamic teachings and principles. The author underlines this by referring to verses from the Koran and Hadith, explaining the concepts of “birr” (good deeds) and “taqwa” (piety). This theological foundation is intended to provide readers with a clear understanding that helping Palestine is God's mandate.



wounded, and prisoners must be treated humanely during conflicts, explicitly prohibiting killing, torture, hostage-taking, and "humiliating and degrading treatment." They also require that combatants care for the sick and injured (Lawless, 2023).

The Zionists violated these conventions, making them perpetrators of international law violations, including the serious crime of genocide. According to international law established by the UN General Assembly in 1946 (A/RES/96-I), genocide is classified as an independent crime under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Genocide Convention) of 1948. As of April 2022, 153 countries have ratified this convention, which unequivocally states that acts of genocide constitute a severe violation of international law (UNITED NATIONS, n.d.).

### **The influence of economy in war**

In the book *How arms trade and military expenditures affect economic growth*, discusses how the economy can influence the purchase of military weapons in several ways:

1. **Arms-Growth Nexus:** According to the arms-growth nexus theory, investment in arms production can drive economic growth by enhancing infrastructure, research and development, and education. This suggests that a robust economy can support increased military spending.
2. **Arms Industry:** Economically strong countries with substantial private industries are often the largest exporters and purchasers of military equipment. Advanced nations like the United States, Russia, France, Germany, and China dominate the arms market due to their economic strength.
3. **Cost Considerations:** Importing arms tends to be more expensive than producing them domestically. Thus, a country with a strong economy might prefer to develop its own arms industry to reduce costs.
4. **Crowding Out Effect:** High military spending can result in a crowding-out effect, where funds directed towards the military could have been used for other economic investments. A strong economy, therefore, has more flexibility in resource allocation, including for military expenditures.

In summary, while the economy significantly influences the purchase of military weapons, other factors such as security needs, political considerations, and technological capabilities also play crucial roles in a country's decision to invest in its military (Söderberg, 2023). This book explains that the economy influences a country's military capability, so one of the things we can do is suppress the Zionist economy, so that they cannot develop weapons and increase the supply of weapons.

### **What can a Muslim do**

From several arguments, and international legal regulations. Emphasizing that we must oppose what the Zionists are doing because they have committed very serious violations. So, it is mandatory for the entire Muslim community in the world to defend and support Palestine and fight the Zionists completely. From all the explanations available, there are several things we can do, including:

1. **Pray** at all times and places that are efficacious, such as providing support to others through prayer in the last third of the night, through prayer when prostrating, and through prayer during dhikr, asking Allah ﷻ to help Muslims who need it;
2. **Be patient**, because in reality patience is a wise and commendable strategy in a situation like the current one. Patience is the antidote. With patience, calm, and without haste, God willing, the problem will be resolved. We ask for help and guidance from Allah ﷻ. Not inviting people to things that are dangerous is contrary to Allah's law and the principles of the Islamic religion (Bazmul, n.d.). Quoted from the words of Shaykh Muhammad bin 'Umar Bazmul حافظه الله;

3. **Helping Allah's Religion**, Sheikh Salim bin Ied Al-Hilali حافظه الله says that we should try to help Allah's Religion  $\chi$  May Allah help us all. Allah  $\chi$  said: *يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ*: “If you help Allah's religion, Allah will surely help you. Surah Muhammad Verse 7. Allah  $\chi$  also said. *وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ*. “And Allah will definitely help those who help His religion. Surah al-Hajj verse 40 (Al-Hilali, n.d.)” Helping Allah's religion is done by preaching about Allah's rights. The most important da'wah in all Islamic religious contexts is the propagation of monotheism, so that humans do not despair of the genocide that hit our brothers in Palestine;
4. **Try to preach**, post about the condition of our brothers and sisters there and preach orally and in writing, directly or via social media, so that we don't forget the great value of the honor of a Muslim's blood (soul) as said by Shaykh Muhammad bin 'Umar Bazmul حافظه الله (Bazmul, n.d.);
5. **Trying to close economic channels and provide assistance**, starting from boycotting products that are known to be affiliated with Zionists and providing assistance in whatever form (as much as possible) if there is still an opportunity and it can be distributed to Palestine. Shaykh Muhammad bin 'Umar Bazmul حافظه الله also said. As long as the government provides official channels for aid and donations, they are more worthy of being followed and adhered to. Anyone who has the ability to donate should do so. If there is someone who has a strong desire to help, they should extend their help. However, make sure that the aid is only distributed through official channels so that it is guaranteed to reach those who need it, God willing. Don't be swayed by any big name if it is not an official, trustworthy line. Make sure your aid and donations are only channeled through official channels(Bazmul, n.d.).
6. **Carrying out boycotts and blockouts (as much as possible):**
  - a. **Boycotts**, Globalization allows consumer boycotts to have a rapid impact on targeted companies. Brands are more sensitive to reputational damage and sales declines, and therefore tend to respond quickly to boycott threats. By reducing the profits of companies that represent the values and policies of their home countries, boycotts pressure companies to reconsider their positions or at least acknowledge their controversies. A decline in sales is the most obvious impact, but reputational damage can be more detrimental in the long term. Local businesses in the Middle East are benefiting as consumers are choosing local products in protest. This change in consumer behavior shows a trend of using economic power to express political and ethical attitudes, especially among young people(Alexander, 2004).
  - b. **Blockout** is a new movement that has become a trend in the world by blocking the accounts of world celebrities who are not pro-Palestinian. In early May, viewers watched the stars come to the 2024 Met Gala at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, while a bomb hit Rafah. Days later, many social media posts showed photos of celebrities in designer dresses, juxtaposed with images of the damage in Rafah. The event has always been controversial, but this year sparked an online movement for divestment from Israel and celebrities: the 2024 blockout movement, or “digital guillotine.” The main idea is simple: block famous celebrities who don't talk about Gaza or who take a neutral approach. The step is to remove them from your online ecosystem (Angus, 2024). Basically blocking celebrity accounts is the right thing, especially celebrities who invite immorality, such as singing songs and exposing their private parts.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it emphasizes the diverse obligation of Muslims to support Palestine and oppose the actions of Zionists, who have committed significant violations of international law, including genocide. The International Red Cross Conference in Stockholm in 1948 and the subsequent Geneva Conventions stipulated the humane treatment of civilians, the injured, and prisoners during conflict, which the Zionists violated. This makes Muslims globally obliged to defend and support Palestine.

The author also explores the economic dimensions of military spending in the Middle East, highlighting how financial factors impact defense spending and conflict dynamics in the region. There are several steps Muslims can take to support Palestine, including:

1. Pray for support and guidance from Allah.
2. Practice patience and calm.
3. Helping Allah's religion through da'wah (preaching).
4. Increase awareness through social media and other platforms.
5. Closing economic channels and providing aid through official channels.
6. Engage in boycotts and blockades to apply economic and social pressure against entities that support Zionist actions.

The actions above are efforts and obligations that we can do to support and help our brothers and sisters in Palestine. Even though this action does not have a significant impact on existing changes, what we do will definitely be assessed and written down by Allah ﷻ.

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