

Palestine intervention before the 6th session of the Human Rights Council by Dr. Mohammad Abu-Koash, Palestine Ambassador to the UN, Geneva , on 12th December 2007

Thank you Mr. Rapporteur for your valuable report which asks Israel to abide by international law in its policies and practices towards the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory. Bombarding Palestinian residential quarters, committing the massacres of Jenin and Beit Hanoun , using Palestinian children as human shields, torturing detainees, hindering pregnant women from reaching hospitals , the Apartheid Wall , the colonial settlements and the very continuation of the occupation of Palestine and Syrian and Lebanese Territories constitute flagrant violations of international law .

It is most regrettable that Israel has decided to expand the settlement on the Palestinian Abu-Ghnaïm Mount and launched an attack against occupied Gaza thereby deflating the optimism generated by Annapolis Conference. It is quite clear that Israel is resorting to all tricks in the lexicon of foreign occupiers to prevent the establishment of a sovereign, independent and contiguous Palestinian state on the territory it occupied in 1967 including East Jerusalem, the Palestinian capital. The Israeli creeping geography has been countered by the Palestinian crawling demography as the victims of Aryan purity have been transformed into the proponents of Jewish purity.

A flower enjoys its own natural turf and yields its fragrance in its own environment. Likewise we have the right to enjoy our olive trees, carnations, and the ancient narrow passages leading to the holy sites of the Dome of the Rock and the Holy Sepulchre that stand out as grand testimonies negating the Israeli claim to the holy town of Jerusalem.

It is December and both the Eid and Christmas are approaching. Spare a moment of your prayer and deliberations for occupied Jerusalem, sad Bethlehem, besieged Gaza and Palestinian children traumatised by tyrants. Noah's Ark had no tyrants; it had those who found grace in the eyes of God.

Mr. Jail man, do not you understand
Scars of concentration camps mark your hand
Negotiations commence today I understand
Leave our mountains, valleys, sea, air and land
Draw your lesson from France and Deutschland
Our will is strong, cease drawing lines in the sand
Washington, Mandela and Arafat stand so grand
Though called terrorists by occupiers in command
Mr. Jail man, you do not want to understand
You gave occupation new attire with Semitic brand