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The Assassination of Ismail Haniyeh Destroys Prospects for Peace and Negotiations

The assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, the leader of the Hamas Popular Movement, while he was a guest of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the official inauguration ceremony of the President, has unveiled the dangerous reality of state terrorism and its threat to peace and stability more than ever before.

Beyond the assassination of a freedom fighter and peace negotiator for the liberation of Palestinian land from occupation, the murder of Ismail Haniyeh is, in fact, the assassination of the chance for a ceasefire and peace in Palestine and a blatant violation of the fundamental principles of international law in the aggression against a member state of the United Nations.

This unprecedented escalation undoubtedly poses an extreme threat to peace and stability in the region. The responsibility for this situation lies with the Zionist regime, as the main perpetrator of war, violence, and instability. Maintaining peace and stability in the region requires curbing this rogue actor, a responsibility that primarily falls on the United Nations Security Council and subsequently on all countries that support peace. If this responsibility is not promptly fulfilled following this recent aggression and assassination, it is evident that the Islamic Republic of Iran will take its own responsibility to punish and restrain the aggressor.

The incomparable, prolonged genocide of innocent people in Gaza and the West Bank, which has been conducted online is now surpassing its 300th day and has entered a new phase with the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh.

For clarity of the facts: more than 40,000 people have been killed in the last 10 months (70 percent of which are women and children), many thousands have been horrifically injured. The IDF bombing have targeted schools, hospitals, refugee camps, journalists and UN humanitarian centres and all these atrocities have been condemned by the UN and independent states. This comes while the perpetrators insist on continuing their crimes, fully supported by the USA and the deliberate silence of its allies towards the criminal Zionist regime, leaving no prospect of a ceasefire for humanitarian aid to the innocent people of Gaza.

Historical experience of the last seven decades show that these crimes will not obscure the main cause of crisis and instability, which is occupation, and as emphasized in the recent advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, it will not grant legitimacy to it. History tells us that peace in the region will be established through justice, ending the occupation, and punishing the perpetrators of various crimes and genocide against the Palestinian people.

Based on Irish history and the lessons learned, the occupying power will eventually fall and withdraw – in the context of Palestine this will lead to the freedom of the Palestinian people in their own land.

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