

BANGKOK DECLARATION

We, participants in the International Seminar on “Palestine: Past, Present and Future” on the 22nd - 23rd November 2018 at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, organized by the Council for Humanitarian Networking of the Sheikhul Islam of Thailand, the Muslim Studies Center, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University declare our concern and commitment to:

Preamble

1. Reaffirming the struggle for the **justice and liberation of Palestine and Al Aqsa** as a duty for all people around the world which must be given the utmost attention. To remind and keep reminding the world of the historical injustices suffered by the Palestinians is paramount if the Palestinian struggle is to be sustained.
2. **Reminding the world of the atrocities inflicted on the Palestinians since The Nakbah of 1948**, involving illegal settlement, forced eviction, terrorizing the Palestinian people, humiliation, denial of basic human rights, violation of international laws, illegal detentions, detention of minors, ill treatments, genocide, extra judicial killings.
3. Being fully aware of the more than **11 years of blockade on Gaza** by Israel which must be addressed by putting pressure on all international agencies to act on Israel and Egypt to end the siege immediately. We reiterate our full support to the efforts launched by the international coalition to break the siege on Gaza and to normalize the livelihood of the people of Gaza for their rights to justice, peace, and freedom.
4. Paying serious attention to the **inhumane predicament of the almost 6,000 Palestinian prisoners incarcerated in the Israel prisons**, including the imprisonment of minors and those in long detention without trial, for resisting the Israeli occupation.
5. Being aware of the **role of the western powers, especially the US**, who are working shoulder to shoulder with Israel, as a key factor which has given the Israelis an unrestricted license to raid, occupy, destroy, evict, torture, kill, and arrest Palestinians.
6. Realizing that the "**Deal of the Century**" pronounced by the US President Donald Trump is an attempt to dismantle Middle East unity and crush Palestinian resistance.

We declare our intention to:

1. Reiterate our condemnation and rejection of the US announcement on the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. We also reaffirm that countries considering to move their embassies to Jerusalem should not do so, lest they face a backlash from the international community.
2. Call on all world leaders to stop being tools of the western powers and refocus their resources on the need for building unity and peace to address the challenges faced by the international community.
3. Urge that diplomatic relations between the GCC states must be resumed and all efforts to strengthen the unity of Muslim countries must be the top priority in order to achieve the liberation of Masjid Al Aqsa and Palestine.
4. Condemn the complicity of the US in the destruction and blockade of Gaza by the Israeli Occupation Forces, and their endorsement of the siege and continued supply of arms to be “tested” on the people of Palestine in Gaza.
5. Call for all organizations working for the Palestinian cause, and all justice and freedom activists, to support the BDS movement and help break the blockade of Gaza.
6. Demand that the UN enforce its ruling on Israel as an apartheid state through the resolutions passed in the UNGA and UNSC and all the other UN agencies. All countries must reduce their ties with Israel to put pressure on the Israeli regime. The ESCWA report highlighting Israel as an Apartheid State must be promoted as an important document for action against Israel.
7. Call on all Muslim scholars, Islamic movement activists, and human rights groups to work in unison in defense of Al Aqsa Syarif and to free Palestine by mobilizing every available resource: expertise, intellectual capacity, funding, media exposure, networking, publication, etc. Muslim Scholars are urged to work persistently on Ummah unity and work with human rights coalitions to present a more humane narrative of the Palestinian cause.
8. Call on ASEAN to play a more effective role for the Palestinian cause. ASEAN as a coalition should initiate government to government, people to people, and people to government efforts in promoting justice and freedom for Palestine.

We declare ourselves committed to executing a plan of action at the regional level through a working group called the **ASEAN Coalition for Palestine (ACP) with the main objectives of organizing collaboration, campaign and advocacy initiatives for the Palestinian cause.**