## Newsletter

# A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community







Read, Listen, and Study Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed

Read the HOLY QURAN daily. Al-Baqara 2:11; Al-Ma'idah 5:21

Think BIG dream BIGGER (Provided by Gregory Shakir, courtesy Ahmed Sabree NY firefighter)

### STORIES OF THE PROPHETS

(Peace and blessings on them all)

(Continued from volume 2 number 5) After his retreat into the cave of Hira', and the revelation of al-Alaq, Muhammad returned to his house and asked Khadijah to wrap him in blankets. She could see that her husband was shivering as if struck with a high fever. When he calmed down, he said, "O Khadijah, what has happened to me?" He told her of his experience in the cave of Hira'. With Khadijah's [qualities of an angel of mercy], peace, and reassurance she respectfully, indeed reverently, said to him, "Joy to my cousin! Be firm. I pray and hope that you will be the Prophet of this nation. By God, He will not let you down. You will be kind to your kin; your speech will all be true; you will rescue the weary; entertain the guest and help the truth to prevail."

Exhausted, he fell asleep. This sleep was to be followed by a spiritual life of utmost strength, a life whose sublimity and beauty was to confront each and every mind. His life was to be dedicated purely to God, to truth, and to

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Palestine has been much in the news lately. You have heard from one side. Below is a point of view from a Palestinian.

Contrary to what people believe, the Arabs and Jews have not been fighting forever. The seed of the conflict was planted 1n 1903 in Basel Switzerland when the World Zionist Organization in its 6th meeting, decided to create a Jewish State in Palestine. Uganda and Argentina were also considered but the religious value of the land of Palestine made it easier to justify the action. Following the fall of the Ottoman Empire and the occupation of its territory by the British and French, this dream became a reality when wealthy and influential European Jews received a commitment from Britain to create this state (The Balfour Declaration - 1917).

European Jews started immigrating to Palestine and assimilate with the locals, but the effort intensified in the 1930s and 1940s when the persecution of European Jews was at its peak (The Holocaust). Later on, Arab Jews and African Jews were helped to immigrate to Palestine to increase the Jewish population and create a "servant group" to the European Jews. To this day, Arab and African Israelis are treated as second class citizens in Israel. Instead of assimilating with the locals, the Europeans began forming gangs such as the Hagana and Irgun with the objective of terrorizing locals out of their homes and ethnically cleansing Palestine and create a "Jewish State". These gangs were well trained and well-funded unlike the local Palestinians who were still



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Next generation of Imams and his mother Aminah Shakoor



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humanity. He was being commissioned to convey to man the message of His lord. He was to carry out his charge not by force, but by argument yet more gentle, sound and more convincing than any man has known. Despite every unbeliever, the light of God and His guidance will yet fill the world.

Resource: The Life of Muhammad by Haykal

# ANNOUNCEMENTS PROJECT AVIATION: The Sky is Not the Limit – Virtual Program

The program provides a unique forum for minority youth to explore the array of career opportunities available in the field of aviation/aerospace. Along with aviation partners (Tuskegee Airmen National Museum, Black Pilots of America, the Federal Aviation Administration, Wavne State University and various school districts), the program is delivered in the form of a weeklong S.T.E.M. Summer Academy, weekend seminars, aviation career fairs, handson workshops, networking with aviation professionals and sharing of aviation resource information. https://www.bufmi.org/projectaviation. Submitted by Nashid Rushdan.

### RAMADHAN QURAN CHALLENGE

Thank you to those who accepted the Ramadhan Quran Challenge. We thankfully acknowledge all those who participated. Look for the next Quran Challenge for Eid ul Adha (inshaAllah).

# The Muslim Center of Montgomery, Inc. has begun a fundraising campaign toward the building of a new Islamic Center. Look at their Facebook page to get an idea of the many great works they have been able to accomplish over the years by Allah's will. Muslim Center of Montgomery Inc. is a nonprofit organization with 501© 3 status. All donations are tax deductible. For more information visit https://www.mcmontgomery.org or contact Resident Imam, Abdur Rahim

May Allah reward you!

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This state of Israel declared its "independence" in 1948. A year, to Palestinians, is called the Nakba (catastrophe) when many Palestinians were displaced, dispossessed, or killed. The Hagana and Irgun became what is today the Israeli Defense Forces or "IDF". The UN decided to approve the creation of the "Jewish State" at the expense of the local population that was displaced. As far as the UN was concerned. The Palestinians can create their own state in the parts of Palestine the Gangs have not attacked yet (West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza). That Palestinian State never materialized, and the victims were blamed.

In 1967, Israel occupied the remainder of Palestine with the goal of completing the establishment of the "Jewish State". The second phase of ethnic cleansing the land of Palestine started to take place. International law and the UN consider the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza "Occupied Land" where the future Palestinian State should be established as everyone decided for the Palestinians in 1948.

Hamas, (The Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement), which is labeled a terrorist group was established in 1987 to resist the Israeli occupation. It has a social services arm and a military resistance arm. After winning the Palestinian elections in 2006, they were not allowed to lead because of the terrorist label. Instead, the money and influence remained with the corrupt Palestinian Authority who lost the election.

For the first time in History, a US administration (Trump administration) decided to defy international law and allow Israel to annex East Jerusalem and create an Israeli Capital in Jerusalem. The US Embassy was relocated to Jerusalem. The Green light by the Trump administration emboldened the Israeli Government to ethnically cleanse the Palestinian parts of Jerusalem and plan the destruction of the Aqsa Mosque to build the Jewish Temple. Most of the Historic Arab neighborhoods will be replaced by what Israel calls the new Silicon Valley where new European

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Continued from page 2 column 2 Immigrants, mainly from France, can relocate and prosper. The fact that whether Donald Trump and his son in law Jared Kushner being real-estate developers had any impact on the decision is unknown. https://www.almonitor.com/originals/2020/06/east-jerusalem-palestinian-israel-silicon-project-settlement.html

The State of Israel decided to ethnically cleanse the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem, replace the Arabs living there with Jews, and on top of that, allow the march of Jewish extremists into Al Aqsa Mosque during the Holy month of Ramadan.

The Palestinians had enough, and massive demonstrations broke out in Jerusalem and in the remaining Palestinian communities inside Israel. The demonstrators, under severe Israeli punishment, began chanting and begging Hamas to intervene and help them. Hamas gave Israel an ultimatum, back off or we will have to defend ourselves. Unfortunately, Israel is determined to finish the creation of its Jewish State and the Palestinians are left with no choice but to resist with everything they have.

The one question that keeps coming up is: Where do we go from here? What do Palestinians want? How can we begin a process towards accountability and justice for Palestinians? I think, we urgently need to Boycott, divest from, and sanction the State of Israel and treat it as the Apartheid state that it is which also discriminates between its own citizens based on religion, ethnicity, and skin color.

Lift the siege on the over 2.5 million Palestinians in Gaza who live in the world's largest open-air prison. Provide the opportunity for Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.

Acknowledge that the creation or the existence of a Jewish State is a form of Racism. The Jewish state of Israel must be dismantled just like Nazi Germany and the Apartheid regime of South Africa. Submitted by Ahmed Zahra.

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