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Netanyahu Government Attempts to Wage a Religious War in the Region

For many years, the Netanyahu government has sought to achieve the Greater Israel Plan by building more settlements, seizing lands, and imposing harsh living conditions on the Palestinians to force them to leave their lands.

This policy was intensively used in Jerusalem via the withdrawal of residency of Jerusalemites, controlling Palestinian real estate, demolishing buildings under the pretext of having no building permit, and preventing Palestinians from having building permits to build in accordance with the increasing population.

Moreover, the Netanyahu government crossed all red lines by waging repeated attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque and allowing settler gangs to desecrate the mosque and perform Talmudic prayers, while preventing Palestinians from entering the mosque at all times as well as issuing orders preventing Palestinians from even approaching the mosque for long periods.

In addition to this, the government allowed settlers to organize demonstrations such as the one organized by the Lahava movement recently, during which racist chants against Arabs were chanted.

The Jerusalemites felt a serious threat to their existence, given the increasing uncontrolled settler attacks, and went out to defend their right to their city, protesting against their exclusion and the oppressive policies pursued by the occupation government, and standing against the expanding settler movements.

The occupation forces faced peaceful protests with brutal repression, beating, dragging, shooting, and tear gas, which resulted in dozens of wounded as well as arresting dozens including women and children.

The occupation government, led by Netanyahu, is waging a religious war through practical measures on the ground, especially in the city of Jerusalem, which mainly targets Al-Aqsa Mosque, where they seek to build the so-called Temple.

The normalisation agreements between the occupation entity and some Arab countries, and the stance of the previous and current US administration, which support the annexation and settlement plans, were behind the recent and increasingly brutal crimes against the Palestinians.

Today, the international community has more demands than ever to restrain and stop the aggressive actions of the Netanyahu government and to provide international protection for the Palestinians in the occupied territories to repel the settler attacks which became more organized and intensified, thus threatening the existence of the Palestinians.

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