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### The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque is for Muslims only

Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds, and may blessings and peace be upon our prophet Muhammad, his family and his companions .

There are malicious, abominable, and devious people who claim that the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque consists only of the roofed and front mosque. Such claims are meant to limit and undermine the responsibility and custodianship of Muslims over the entire compound of Al-Aqsa mosque.

Therefore, the Islamic Supreme Committee in Jerusalem utterly announces to the entire world the following:

1. The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque includes all the property existing inside the wall namely , the front and roofed mosque, the Dome of the Rock, the Marwani prayer hall, the Bab al-Rahma prayer hall, the al-Buraq prayer hall, the terraces, the corridors, the cisterns and the external walls including al-Buraq wall, along with the other facilities existing in the compound with a total area of 144,900 square meters.
2. The Al-Aqsa Mosque came as a result of a divine decision linked to the seven heavens . Verse 1 of Surat Al-Isra says: “ **Glorified Be He Who carried His servant by night from the Inviolable Place of Worship to the Far Distant Place of Worship the neighborhood where We have blessed, that We might show him of Our tokens! Lo! He, only He! is the Hearer , the Seer**”. Indeed, there are dozens of verses that stipulate the sanctity and holiness of the city of Jerusalem in particular and Palestine in general.
3. The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque has to do with the miracle of Al-Israa and Mi'raj i.e. the nocturnal journey of our Prophet Muhammad where He ascended to heaven. This constitutes the core of our faith and explains our tenacity to Al-Aqsa mosque.
4. The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque was mentioned in several hadiths, which stipulate that Muslims ought to be attached to it with strong faith and for the sake of worship.
5. The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque is also associated to the Grand Mosque of Mecca and the Prophet's Mosque in Medinah, according to our Holy Prophet Muhammad, may God's prayers and peace be upon him: “Only three mosques faithful aspire for most: The Grand Mosque of Mecca, my mosque, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque” .

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Another narrative tells that Prophet Muhammad said otherwise: “The Grand Mosque of Mecca , Al-Aqsa Mosque and my mosque (Agreed upon Hadith). Thus ignoring Al-Aqsa is tantamount to ignoring the other two mosques.

6. The Just Caliph Umar bin Al-Khattab - may God be pleased with him - prayed in the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque in the year 15 AH / 636 AD and issued the famous Umar Pact at that time. Muslims then have followed his footsteps until this present day, and will so remain until the Day of Judgment if God will.

In the light of this, the Supreme Islamic Committee would like to sustain and emphasize the following:

1. The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque is only for Muslims, and non-Muslims have nothing to do with it under all circumstances.
2. The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque is by all means not subject to negotiations.
3. We totally denounce attempts on the part of the Israeli occupation authorities to change the status quo in the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque, as we also deny their attempts to sustain their sovereignty over it.
4. We also denounce any attempt on the part of the Israeli occupation authorities to interfere in the visiting schedule of Al-Aqsa mosque.
5. We declare and affirm that the Administration of the Holy Al-Aqsa mosque is represented by the Islamic Wakf in Jerusalem, which is in charge of only Muslims.
6. We call upon all Arabs and Muslims, peoples and rulers, to assume responsibility in protecting and defending Al-Aqsa, as part of their holy mission. God will hold those who falls short of defending Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa accountable.

“ And Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know “ Surah Yusuf verse 21

“ And those who have wronged are going to know to what [kind of] return they will be returned “ Surah Al-Shuara` , Verse 227

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