



**Palestine Solidarity Alliance**  
United Against Apartheid Israel



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### **Ramadan 2023**

As The Palestine Solidarity Alliance we would like to wish those who celebrate a blessed month of Ramadan. This month, we pay special heed to all those suffering from oppression, poverty, hunger, and destitution. We open our hearts to the mercy and blessing of the Almighty and try to align our actions with the values of kindness, piety, and solidarity.

While we do this, we must pay special attention to the plight of Palestinians suffering under the brutal occupation of Apartheid Israel. Every Ramadan, Israel escalates military action in a deliberate attempt to repress public gatherings and intimidate the communal spirit of Palestinians. This year we hear reports of the Apartheid regime imposing restrictions on the entry of Palestinians to the holy site of Al Aqsa. According to these reports, Palestinian women, male children up to 12 years, and men over 55 years old will be allowed to enter the Al Aqsa Mosque compound during Ramadan without facing any restrictions or without a permit. However, men will require a permit in order to access the Holy Masjid with men aged 45 to 55 years old being specifically targeted ([Middle East Eye](#)).

The Apartheid regime has also imposed numerous “security measures” in order to control the movement of the Palestinians living in the West Bank who will need “security approval” in order to be able to move between regions. This, coupled with the fact that a limited quota has been imposed for Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip in order to enter the Al Aqsa Masjid, with only a limited number of women over 50 and men over 55 being allowed to visit the masjid, shows us how Israel’s fascist government furthers its Apartheid regime. These measures mirror the laws and policies which were enforced during Apartheid in South Africa which aimed to hinder the freedom of movement of the black majority.

As an organisation, we continue to assert that we know too well the pain of the Palestinians who are suffering under Israel’s Apartheid regime just as we suffered under South Africa’s Apartheid regime. This makes our solidarity for the people of Palestine that much more important. We mourn the countless Palestinian lives lost at the hands of the Apartheid state of Israel and its forces. Our condolences go out to the Palestinian families starting Ramadan this year with one less person at the Iftaar table. Our hearts go out to the Palestinian families who have had their homes demolished by the fascist regime and who do not have access to their schools, farms, and places of worship.

While our hearts bleed for our brothers and sisters in Palestine, we are also emboldened by their courageous spirit of defiance. Despite being subjected to severe brutality and injustice, the resistance continues. We are led by the vibrant and passionate youth, our elder veterans, and everyone in between from across all spheres of Palestinian society. We are inspired by their fearless activism against one of the most sophisticated military regimes in the world. We stand beside them in full support – by our souls, by our blood, all for you oh al-Aqsa. We urge you to join us in our pledge to the people of Palestine by supporting our fundraisers, boycotting Apartheid Israel, and joining our campaigns.

To support us in our efforts, donate to our organisation by using the banking details below:

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