

## **Land Day March 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

### **Global March to Jerusalem:**

#### **An email between two event organizers:**

"As I have written out in the report, the liberation of Jerusalem, of Palestine are at the core of all that we have done & will do. The point is that how do we build a movement that compells the governments of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon & Syria to let us in (which is easy) & then let us march across the borders into Palestine, challenging the Israeli army (which is difficult). Thus the idea is to keep the idea simple – We are going to pray at the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre & the Masjid-i-Aqsa & the Qubattus Sakhra. We will not apply for visas or permissions from the Israeli's obviously not, for reasons known to us all. But imagine a situation where we have more than a million people streaming in from four borders & israel fails to stop the human tide. Once we have broken this mental barrier, then its all over. next time we will have 5 million who will be marching in & it will only grow from there. This is exactly the nightmare situation for Israel. How do you handle a million ordinary non-violent people who want to go back Home? – how do you handle a million non-violent people who just wish to pray in their Masjid in Jerusalem, which is under our Occupation? Thus will undermine the Israeli state, like no other strategy & then it will all begin to unravel & the Zionist edifice which is unravelling as we speak, will soon fall. It's a matter of time now, as we well know."

<http://gm2j.co/action-plan/>

#### **Their plan:**

Massive marches will be organized from Asia, Africa and Europe to and in neighboring countries to Palestine (**Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon**) and towards Jerusalem or to the nearest point possible according to the circumstances of each country and through coordination between all groups and institutions of civil society taking part in the march, in coordination with the official and national bodies concerned. These marches will be composed mainly of the people of each country and thousands of international solidarity participants traveling to these countries specifically to join the marches. Massive marches will be organized in Palestine (the 1948 seizures, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip) towards Jerusalem or to the nearest point to it.

Palestinian people from all factions and institutions will participate alongside international solidarity activists who are able to enter Palestine. Mass protests will be organized in front of Israeli embassies in the capitals of different countries. Mass demonstrations and protests will be organized in the main public squares in the big cities of the world, including the Arab and Muslim capitals and large cities, which can be initiated from the main mosques and churches in each city, where appropriate. On March 30, the Palestinians will attempt to get as close to Jerusalem as they can, including at the borders of Lebanon and Jordan, at checkpoints in the West Bank and at the Erez border crossing in Gaza. Demonstrations will also be held in Jerusalem itself. The organizers plan to send convoys of vehicles to approach Israel's borders simultaneously from four neighboring countries: Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. According to organizers, more than 600 institutions from 64 states have been involved in planning the march. Protests are also planned outside Israeli embassies in Europe and Arab countries. Organizers say they are hoping for 1 million people to demonstrate in various protests all over the world. An international caravan will travel through Asia towards Jerusalem in the weeks leading up to the march. 15 Asian nations plus members from other countries will take part in the Asian caravan towards Jerusalem. Members from Indonesia, Malaysian, Bahrain, Philippine, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Japan, Turkey, Australia as well as some members from western countries will be at the land caravan which set off towards Jerusalem on 9th March from New Delhi.

<http://gm2j.com/main/how-will-the-march-take-place/>

<http://gm2j.com/main/blog/2012/03/14/15-asian-nation-take-part-in-the-caravan-towards-jerusalem/>

<http://972mag.com/activists-worldwide-to-mark-land-day-with-global-march-to-jerusalem/39358/>

<http://gm2j.com/main/blog/2012/03/30/global-march-to-jerusalem-israels-borders-on-high-alert-as-huge-protests-loom/>

[http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=333959609995443](http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=333959609995443) (List of demonstration sites in Europe)

### The Countdown:

#### **\*Former Obama Pastor Endorses March on Jerusalem**

Rev. Jeremiah Wright, who was US President Barack Obama's pastor for 20 years at the Trinity United Church of Christ on Chicago's south side, has endorsed the planned "March to Jerusalem" slated for March 30th. It follows on the heels of the anti-Israel, anti-Semitic Doha Conference in Qatar on the Defense of 'Occupied' Jerusalem," a two day long effort to demonize Israel and deny Judaism's more than three thousand year connection to Jerusalem. Both events are designed to reverse what their organizers call the "Judaization" of "occupied Jerusalem."

March 13, 2012

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/153725#.T2C8KHIYWSp>

<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Peace/2012/03/13/Wright-March-Jerusalem>

#### **\*Iran Behind 'Global March to Jerusalem', Say Experts**

#### **\*Iranian President Ahmediniyad addressed with GMJ's Participants**

Following the announcement that Arabs are planning a Global March to Jerusalem, the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) has presented information that Iran is behind the initiative and openly supports it. The Global March to Jerusalem is an initiative that aims at getting over one million Arabs and their supporters to attempt to infiltrate Israel's borders on March 30<sup>th</sup>. A spokesman for the march said this week the initiative "demand[s] freedom for Palestine and its capital Jerusalem."

**Amy's Comment:** The second story about Ahmadinejad meeting with the GMJ participants is confirmed by photos posted on the GMJ Facebook page (2<sup>nd</sup> link)

March 16, 2012

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/153813#.T2NjnHIYWSo>

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.255907371163137.65850.100002316276191&type=3>

#### **\*Two million protesters expected to participate in the Global March to Jerusalem**

The organizing committee of the Global March to Jerusalem expects the participation of more than two million people in the march which will be started from the surrounding countries of Palestine, the Palestinian territories, and some other capitals on March 30, 2012.

March 22, 2012

<http://www.imra.org.il/story.php3?id=56172>

#### **\*'Israel warned neighbors: Don't march to Jerusalem'**

Following the deadly clashes last year during the Naksa and Nakba marches to its northern border, Israel issued a stern warning to Arab countries and Palestinians to refrain from approaching the border. London based newspaper Al-Sharq al-Awsat reported Friday that the warning was issued in reference to the "Universal Jerusalem March" planned for next Friday to commemorate "Land Day." According to sources, Israel reiterated it would treat anyone who approaches the border as an infiltrator, and will act against them decisively.

March 23, 2012

<http://www.ynetnews.com/Ext/Comp/ArticleLayout/CdaArticlePrintPreview/1,2506,L-4206949,00.html>

<http://gm2j.com/main/blog/2012/03/23/israel-warns-of-the-consequences-of-jerusalem-global-march/>

#### **\*FIOE calls for intensive action in support of al-Aqsa Mosque and the GMJ**

The Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe (FIOE) invites Muslims, and the management bodies of organisations, Islamic centres, and mosques across the European Continent to dedicate the last week in

**March 2012 to intensive activities in support of the city of Jerusalem (al-Quds) and the blessed al-Aqsa Mosque, given the escalating Israeli threats to the city, its holy sites, and the Palestinian inhabitants.**

March 25, 2012

<http://gm2j.com/main/blog/2012/03/25/fioe-calls-for-intensive-action-in-support-of-al-aqsa-mosque-and-the-gmj/>

### **\*Jordan: Government allows million-man march towards Jerusalem**

**Jordanian** authorities confirmed on Sunday that they will permit a planned march in the Jordan Valley on Friday as organizers denied any intentions to storm the Jordanian-West Bank border. Activists from across the country plan to gather in the village of Kafrein near the Baptism Site, some 10 kilometers from the Kingdom's border with the Palestinian territories, following noon prayers. Friday's rally comes under the umbrella of the Global March to Jerusalem, which will feature the participation of activists in **80 countries**, with rallies planned on the **borders of Israel** and the occupied **Palestinian territories with Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon**.

March 27, 2012

<http://gm2j.com/main/blog/2012/03/26/jordan-government-allows-million-man-march-towards-jerusalem/>

### **\*International pro-Palestinian activists descend on Lebanon ahead of Land Day protest**

Dozens of international delegations comprising hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists began arriving in Lebanon on Wednesday. Additional reports indicated that the Lebanese army and intelligence have prepared a detailed plan and route for Friday's march, indicating that protest activity will take place in a compound near the border with Israel. The march will be held in full coordination with Lebanese security forces.

March 28, 2012

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/international-pro-palestinian-activists-descend-on-lebanon-ahead-of-land-day-protest-1.421261>

**March 30, 2012**

### **\*As Expected – Land Day Turns Violent**

Land Day turned violent Friday when Arabs began hurling Molotov cocktails and stones at soldiers near the **Kalandia** checkpoint north of Jerusalem. The riots began after Friday afternoon Muslim prayers – often a starting point for violence – when dozens of masked Arab youths began rioting at the checkpoint. Soldiers responded with teargas and deployed the "Skunk" – a vehicle loaded with canons spraying a noxious-smelling liquid. A machine that transmits high frequency sound waves was also employed. Hamas parliament member Ahmed Atoun was lightly injured when he was struck in the head by a stone hurled by the rioters. Hundreds of Arabs gathered near the **Nablus Gate** in Jerusalem in an attempt to stage an illegal march, but were stopped by police. Numerous arrests were reported. Some 200 people attended a parade marking Land Day in Kafr Kanna near **Nazareth**, where no violence was reported. Meanwhile, **Jordanian** news sites reported some 8,000 people are gathering in order to take part in the massive march towards the Israeli border.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/154326#.T3WeMdne6So>

### **\*IDF announces closure on West Bank for 'Land Day'**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210081,00.html>

### **\*200 take part in Kafr Kanna Land Day parade (Nazareth)**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210148,00.html>

**\*120 buses will transport Jerusalem March participants from Lebanon**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210180,00.html>

**\*8,000 preparing to begin Jerusalem march in Jordan**

**\*20,000 taking part in Jerusalem march**



<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210188,00.html>

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210225,00.html>

**\*Foreign, Palestinian protestors en route to Beaufort**

The main Lebanese demonstration is planned for the Beaufort Castle, which is several miles north of the Israeli city of Metullah, rather than the border with Israel, the Lebanese branch of the Global March to Jerusalem announced last week.

<http://www.jta.org/news/article/2012/03/27/3092360/global-march-to-jerusalem-could-bring-thousands-to-israels-borders>

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210194,00.html>

**\*Dozens of Palestinians approach Erez crossing 14:01**

IDF forces responded with warning shots.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210208,00.html>

**\*IDF using tear gas to disperse protest in Budrus (West Bank) 14:09**

<http://www.jpost.com/Headlines/Article.aspx?id=264124>

**\*Protestors in Hebron injured from tear gas 14:11**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210213,00.html>

**\*Thousands of Palestinians gather in Beit Hanun 14:39**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210233,00.html>

**\*14 Arabs arrested in J'lem for hurling stones at police 15:03**

Damascus Gate

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210234,00.html>

**\*Anti-Israel Activists Protest Outside Israeli Embassy in Jordan**

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/154313#.T3WuTdne6So>

**\*Land Day Riot in Bethlehem**

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/154327#.T3WuZdne6So>

**\*Security forces barring protesters from entering Jerusalem 16:04**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210247,00.html>

**\*Egyptian MP: Egyptians must demand liberation of Al-Aqsa Mosque**

**\*Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood: J'lem march harbinger of Palestine's liberation**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210252,00.html>

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210264,00.html>

**\*7 injured in Gaza during Land Day protest**

Seven people have been injured by IDF fire during a Land Day protest march in the Gaza Strip, the Hamas journal al-Rasala reported. Medical sources said that four were injured in Khan Younis, while the remaining two were hurt near the Erez Crossing. One of the casualties was reported serious.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210253,00.html>

**\*Thousands of Arab Israelis attend Land Day march in Galilee**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210255,00.html>

**\*Gaza casualty toll rises to 14**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4210262,00.html>