Stop Judaisation of Jerusalem: Emir

Emir calls for UN probe into Israeli actions since the 1967 occupation of Arab Jerusalem

Doha: In a bold statement, the Emir, H H Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, yesterday said it is the weakness of ‘Us The Builders’ that a tough fight to protect the Arab and Islamic identity of Jerusalem has not been put up, and urged the United Nations to probe Israel’s sinister acts to obliterate the Arab and Islamic character of the holy city.

“What is real is real irrespective of what one does to suppress it,” said the Emir referring to Israel’s attempts to judaise Jerusalem and its Islamic heritage.

“With its mosques and shrines, Jerusalem will continue to retain its Arab, Islamic and Christian identity,” he said, opening the ‘International Conference for the Defence of Al Quds’ (Jerusalem) here yesterday.

More than 350 people, among them political leaders, diplomats, academics and leaders representing Islam, Judaism and Christianity from all over the world, are attending the two-day conference that concludes today.

The Emir proposed that the UN Security Council be approached on an urgent basis to stop the Judaisation of Jerusalem. “What one does to suppress it, what Israel had been doing were nasty, that the history of Jerusalem is not what it actually is, are nasty, the Emir added.

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“Steps must be taken on the Palestinian issue and expressed his unflinching support for the people of Palestine and for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

“Ethnic cleansing of original inhabitants of Jerusalem is one and their heritage and history, both Islamic and Christian, are being distorted and destroyed. The history of Arab Jerusalem is 3,000 years old, he added.

One cannot think of a Palestine without Jerusalem and a Jerusalem without Al Aqsa Mosque. From 1948 Israel has declared the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

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Creation of Israel has no legitimacy in Jewish faith, says Rabbi Yisroel D Weiss

BY MOHAMMED IQBAL

DOHA: A Jewish leader from Pennsylvania has called on the world not to equate Zionism with Judaism and stop calling Zionists as Jews.

Addressing the International Conference for Defence of Al Quds (Jerusalem) and Al Areeq areas, south of Qatar.

He said that the land of Palestine belonged to the Palestinians and the five million Palestinian refugees - expelled by the Zionists have the right to return to their homeland under international law and the UN resolutions.

He argued that Palestinian cause cannot be settled through negotiations or through a two-state solution. The establishment of a unified Palestinian state is the only lasting solution to the problem.

He described the Zionists state as “terrorist state” and made a passionate appeal to the international community to stop the killing of innocent civilians and oppression from Israeli laws.

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He said many people in the West were never knowing about the atrocities applied by Israeli forces on the Palestinian people. They want more Jews to be killed and terrorised all over the world so that they can capitalise on that and force more Jews to go to Palestine,” he added.

Talking to The Peninsula later, Rabbi David Feldman from New York, who is also a member of Jews United Against Zionism, said the only solution to the Palestinian cause is the peaceful and just settlement of the state of Israel.

“The Zionist state will cease to exist since it was founded on iniquity. Evil will not last for ever. Before one is being defeated, he may become stronger, as the saying goes. The Zionist state is new at this position,” said Feldman.

He added that it is unfair that many people do not differentiate between Zionism and Judaism. This is a success of the Zionist propaganda. Judaism is religion while Zionism is a nationalist ideology. It is a transformation of Judaism from religion and spirituality into nationalism and materialism, he added.

Jews are not supposed to create a state of their own as per their religious faith. Establishing a state by expelling another people by force from their homeland is even more unjust.

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“I visited Gaza recently and brought with me some pictures of the gruesome humanitarian situation there. Many people in our area never knew about such straights,” said Feldman.

He added that his group’s campaign against Zionism was slowly gaining support among Jews all over the world, as well as other communities.

“You will be surprised to see large Jewish communities in New York city without a single Israeli flag,” said Feldman.

New York-based Rabbi David Feldman (left), member of Jews United Against Zionism, at the International Conference for Defence of Al Quds (Jerusalem) at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel yesterday.

BY FAZEENA SALEEM

DOHA: The “World Education Games”, an exciting online event where thousands of students compete in spelling, math and science questions this year selected a school and a student as the event’s ambassador for Qatar. Compass International School has been selected to the prestigious position of being the Ambassador School for the World Education Games for Qatar, and one of three schools in the Middle East region.

Lisa Fälth, 8th grade student at Compass for Qatar, charged with raising the profile of the games through the media. “I feel very proud of being the ambassador of Qatar and I think it’s a great job and very exciting,” Fälth said.

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