

المقاومة الفلسطينية للاحتلال الإسرائيلي

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Abstract

The Palestinian Resistance Against the Israeli Occupation of Jerusalem 1987–2015

The objective of this book is to review the resistance of Palestinians against the Israeli occupation of Jerusalem during the period 1987–2015. The core of this study focuses on the means and methods used by the Palestinians in Jerusalem in resisting the Israeli occupation during that period, and on the Palestinians' progress in reducing the occupation's targeted achievements. It also measures the positive achievements of the Palestinian resistance related to the city's future.

The researcher uses mainly the analytical approach, and sometimes the quantitative one.

The study explores the forms of resistance employed between 1987 and 2015, and discusses the motives of the Palestinians' determination to resist, particularly in light of the Oslo Peace Accords; that maintained the status quo in Jerusalem and postponed discussing final status issues. The years following the Oslo Accords, however, have witnessed growing escalation in Israeli oppressive policies towards the Palestinians.

The study finds that Israel has ceaselessly imposed military, security, political and legislative measures aimed at extending its hegemony over all facets of Palestinian life in Jerusalem including its geography, demography and religion.

Yet, the Palestinians in Jerusalem have not given up on resisting the occupation as much as they could and by all available means.

Peaceful popular resistance, also referred to as "nonviolent resistance," has been the dominant form of resistance employed by Jerusalem's Palestinians over the past few decades.

Even though Israel did manage to achieve many of its initial goals in Jerusalem, this study shows that the Palestinians' resistance and defiance were the primary obstacles to the process of Judaization of the holy city.

They also helped the Arab and Muslim peoples to maintain their sense of belonging to Jerusalem and its holy sites.

The researcher presents several conclusions, among them that the Palestinians' resistance evolves its tactics in accordance with Israel's security developments. Additionally, this resistance is a non-stop trans-generational one. The steadfastness of Palestinians in Jerusalem is attributed to their willingness to sacrifice and to their profound feeling of belonging both to the city and its holy sites. Meanwhile, the main reason for their frustration is the lack of political will among Palestinian and Arab leaders to provide them with genuine support and assistance.

This led the researcher to raise the following question:

What is the future of Palestinian resistance against the Israeli occupation of Jerusalem, particularly in light of the latest regional and international turmoil, which points to the possibility of Israel assuming sweeping ascendancy in the conflict over Jerusalem?

Thus, the study has reached several recommendations, the most important of which is the necessity to exert more effort to establish a "central Palestinian reference" capable of undertaking fieldwork under Israeli oppressive occupation, and to "unify national efforts" of resistance.

Furthermore, there is a need to develop research centers that focus on Jerusalem, so that the resistance in the city would be documented, independently from other research sectors.

The study also recommends spreading the Arab and Islamic culture in Palestinian circles as it constitutes the core of the authentic Palestinian narrative in the face of Israeli narrative. In addition, the centrality of *al-Aqsa* Mosque in the conflict should be emphasized, as should the unity of national identity in defense of the city and its people.

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هذا الكتاب

هذا الكتاب في أصله رسالة ماجستير يبحث في مقاومة الشعب الفلسطيني للاحتلال الإسرائيلي في مدينة القدس، خلال الفترة 1987–2015، ويستعرض التسلسل التاريخي للهبات والانتفاضات، والدوافع وراء إصرار الفلسطينيين على مقاومة الاحتلال، والتي كانت السبب الأول في إعاقة التهوديد المطلق للمدينة.

ويخلص الكتاب إلى عدد من النتائج، في مقدمتها أن المقاومة في المدينة تُطوّر أداءها تبعاً للمستجدات الأمنية الإسرائيلية، كما أنها تنتقل عبر الأجيال دون توقف.

وينبه الكاتب إلى عدد من التوصيات، أهمها: تشكيل مرجعية مركزية فلسطينية قابلة للاستمرار في العمل الميداني في ظلّ البطش الإسرائيلي، وتوحيد الجهد الوطني في مقاومة الاحتلال، وتطوير المراكز البحثية المتخصصة في الشأن المقدسي، لتوثيق أعمال المقاومة في المدينة، وإشاعة الثقافة العربية الإسلامية في أوساط الفلسطينيين، والتركيز على محورية المسجد الأقصى في الصراع، وعلى وحدوية الانتماء الوطني في الدفاع عن المدينة وسكانها.

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