ANALYSIS: Muslim Leaders Seek 'Islamic Army' to Protect 'Palestine'



Turkish dictator Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other Muslim leaders want to create an Islamic army to 'protect' the Palestinian Arabs after 62 of them died last Monday during attempts to invade Israel from Gaza.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad later admitted 53 of those killed during the attempted invasion of southern Israel were members of their terror organizations.

Muslim leaders met in Turkey at an emergency gathering of the 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), during which the Erdogan regime accused Israel of "willfully murdering" the Palestinian Arabs.

Erdogan further escalated his vile rhetoric against Israel by comparing the Jewish State to Nazi Germany.

"There is no difference between the atrocity faced by the Jewish people in Europe 75 years ago and the brutality that our Gaza brothers are subjected to," Erdogan told his Muslim counterparts.

"I will say openly and clearly that what Israel is doing is banditry, brutality and state terror," he added before claiming that the people "who were subjected to all kinds of torture in the concentration camps during World War II are now attacking the Palestinians with methods similar to the Nazis."

The OIC call for the forming of a Muslim-only "international force" to "protect" the Palestinian Arabs came after the United States threatened to veto a resolution at the UN Security Council (UNSC) that suggested a regular international "peacekeeping force" in Gaza.

The Turkish campaign seeks to mobilize the Muslim world against Israel in a way that bypasses the United Nations, where the Trump Administration can too easily shoot down any measures hostile toward Israel.

Following the OIC summit, the Turkish strongman addressed a huge crowd in the center of Istanbul and insisted that the Muslim world must take "a physical stance" on Israel.

"The occupation of Jerusalem, the violation of the privacy of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the violation of the rights of the people of Palestine...we declare that we will not accept this," Erdogan told the crowd, which was waving Palestinian flags along Turkish ones.

The hot-headed leader then claimed that he and his country are "targeted" all the time by Israel.

"Turkey is the country that is targeted the most by Israel, and the leader that is targeted the most by Israel is me," Erdogan claimed.

The Turkish despot is currently trying to mobilize more moderate Arab Muslim states like Jordan against Israel after relations between Turkey and the Jewish state hit a new low last week.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi last week told CNN that the "source of all evil" is "the occupation," meaning the Israeli presence in Judea and Samaria.

PHOTO: Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Jordan's King Abdullah review an honor guard. (Flash90)

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