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- ◆ The statements of this man although were condemned by some of the Israeli government are the true reflection of their feeling towards the Muslims. Recently they have been viciously attacking Gaza and other places in Palestine, e.g. The Israeli army attacked three Palestinian targets in Gaza Tuesday morning, killing at least one person and injuring 14. Allah (swt) says:

**"O' you who believe, take not into intimacy those outside your ranks: they will not fail to corrupt you. They only desire for you to suffer: rank hatred has already appeared from their mouths, what their hearts conceal is far worse."**

[TMQ Al-Imran:118]

Imam Qurtubi commented upon this ayah by saying, "Allah(swt) stressed and emphasised powerfully, with an admonition, that it is not allowed to extend your hands for help or to incline to the disbelievers i.e. Jews, Christians and Hypocrites." Also the the Sahaba, Tabayeen used to recite this ayah to prevent their brothers in Islam from consulting with the Kuffar, in their opinions, or to hand over to them authority over their affairs. Abu Dawood narrated from Abu Hurraira(ra) that the Messenger(saw)said, **'Man follows the deen of his companions, so choose very carefully your companions.'**

Ibn Masood(ra) said, *'Do not trust anyone other than your brothers in Islam.'* Abu Musa al-Ashari(ra) narrated tha Umar(ra) said, *'Do not take the people of the book as advisers nor approach them in your affairs because Allah(swt) cursed them and humiliated them because of the hatred and rage they have against your deen.'* Imam Qurtubi and Imam Ibn-Kathir explained in thier tafseer that in their time (600-700 AH), some Walah and Amirs used to take *Ahlul Kitab* (people of the book) as writers and trustees upon their affairs. Imam Qurtubi said, *'That is the biggest haram.'* for Anas Ibn Malik narrated that the Messenger(Saw) said, **'Do not illuminate your atmosphere with the fire of the Mushrikeen.'** {Bukhari, Muslim}. The Messenger(Saw) means with this hadith that it is haram to consult with the mushrikeen on all affairs of the Muslims, and not to take them as partners or witnesses to achive some aims.

***"Rank hatred has alread appeared from their mouths."*** This means that the Kuffar and the Munafiqeen cannot contain their rage and hatred inside themselves, but the have to express it in an evil way by harming the Muslims, and in their blood, property and dignity. Their hidden conspiracies and hatred are more than that which they reveal to the Muslims by their mouths.

Imam Malik used to describe the hypocrites with this verse, and he said, '*Hypocrites are like the birds in the cage, if you open the door of the cage the birds will escape!*' He means that they will usually cause *fitna* (disruption and confusion). Also, they cannot stay long inside the mosque to hear the truth and *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) because they are not comfortable with the gatherings of the believers in unity and their learning of the truth and seeking the pleasure of Allah. Umar(ra) once said that, 'Any Muslim who does not care about what the enemies of Islam prepared against him, nor does distinguish what is *Jahilliya* (ignorance) and what is not, he is not a Muslim.'

The Muslims today must understand the nature of his enemy, the enemy who is trying day and night to corrupt him and see him suffer. He must also understand that his enemies are capable of the most heinous conspiracies against Islam and Muslims though they may show faces of moderation and tolerance. This is in fact the nature of the battle between the *Haq*(truth) and the *Batil*(faleshood). The Mushriks of Quraysh, the Jews and the hypocrites conspired against the Messenger(saw) just as the Mushriqs, Jews and Hypocrites conspire against us today.

**"Fight against them so that Allah will punish them by your hands and disgrace them and give you victory over them, and heal the breasts of a believing people"** [TMQ At-Tauba:14]

The Jews transgressed, usurped the land, destroyed the houses, killed the people, expelled them and ravaged into the land in arrogance and corruption. And every day their despicability upon us and arrogance upon us has increased, though they are known to be the most cowardly people on the Earth.

**"You will surely find that of all the people, the most hostile to the believers are the Jews and those who practice shirk"** [TMQ 5:58]

The time has come to look forward truly to the rightly guided Khilafah; and to comprehend without any doubt that is our salvation, pride and revival; and that these rulers are enemies to us. Obedience to them results in more humiliation in this life ad the punishment and wrath of Allah (Swt) in the hereafter. So we hould rush to the rightly guided Khilafah that Allah (swt) has ordered us to establish and about which the Messenger (saw) has given us glad tidings.

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## Reference

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### **Rabbi calls for annihilation of Arabs**

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The Palestinian Authority has condemned the sermon as racist and is calling on international organisations to treat the rabbi as a war criminal.

### **'Arab terrorists'**

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Shas spokesman, Yitzhaq Suderi defended the rabbi, saying his remarks referred only to "Arab murderers and terrorists" and not the Arab people as a whole.

### **'Stirring up hatred'**

Palestinian cabinet minister Hassan Asfur urged international civil institutions and human rights organisations to consider Rabbi Yosef a war criminal in future.

The utterances were "a clear call for murder and a political an intellectual terrorism that will lead to military terrorism", he said in remarks reported on Palestinian radio.

He added that no punishment would come from Israel "because its political culture and action are in line with [the rabbi's] racist statements".

Israeli Justice Minister Meir Sheerit also condemned the sermon, saying: "A person of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's stature must refrain from acrid remarks such as these."

And he added: "I suggest that we not learn from the ways of the Palestinians and speak in verbal blows like these."

Salah Tarif, the only Arab cabinet minister in the Israeli government, also criticized Rabbi Yosef, saying "his remarks add nothing but hatred".

### **Israel attacks Palestinian targets**

### **Attacks provoke 'intense anger' among Palestinians**

April 10, 2001

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GAZA (CNN) - The Israeli army attacked three Palestinian targets in Gaza Tuesday morning, killing at least one person and injuring 14.

The Palestinians expressed "intense anger" at the latest attack, CNN Jerusalem Bureau Chief Mike Hanna reported. but the Israel Defense Forces said the attacks were in response to Palestinian mortar fire at Israelis.

"This is a declaration of war and we have to defend ourselves," said the head of Palestinian national security, Abdel Razeq Majaideh. "These attacks are part of a series of Israeli aggressions on the Palestinian people without reason."

In separate Israeli strikes, anti-tank shells hit a Palestinian military intelligence building in Deir el-Balah, and tank rounds were fired into a Palestinian police base north of Bet Hanoun.

The IDF said the firing at Bet Hanoun was in response to two mortar rounds that landed near Nisanit. Earlier Tuesday, Palestinians had fired a pair of mortar shells at the Jewish settlement of Katif, the IDF said.

The Israeli government had made it clear that it would continue to strike at Palestinian targets it claimed were involved in attacks against Israeli military and civilians, Hanna added.

Palestinian police said two surface-to-surface missiles hit the naval police headquarters in the Sudaniyeh neighbourhood in Gaza City, killing 30-year-old Lt. Wael Quoweiter.

Policeman Suleiman Diab said he saw the incoming missiles.

"I felt all the buildings shaking around me," said Diab, who was injured by shrapnel.

The missiles destroyed the front wall of the one-story building and two police jeeps parked nearby.

In Deir el-Balah, anti-tank shells damaged a Palestinian military intelligence building, and 10 people were injured, Palestinian doctors said.

In the past week, there has been a daily exchange of mortars and rockets, sign of a continued escalation in Israeli-Palestinian fighting, even as the U.S. is trying to arrange security talks.