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The Essay

The Ostich mentality in the Ummah's response to Israel's Actions

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The Muslim Ummah's response to Israel's actions has been characterized by "Ostich mentality, marked by denial inaction, ineffective rhetoric, which has ultimately enabled Israel's continued occupation and human rights abuse.

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Dr. Zaidi Haik, a renowned Islamic scholar said: "The Muslim world is like an ostrich, burying its head in the sand, hoping that the problem will go away." Imam Muhammad Al-Asi said: "The Ummah's response to Israel's actions has been characterized by lack of strategy and lack of courage." The Israel-Palestine conflict has been long standing and contentious issue, with far reaching implications for Middle East and Global stability. Despite the Gravity of this conflict Ummah has always exhibited an ostrich mentality in responding to Israel's actions i.e. 1967 Six day war and expansion towards West Bank and Gaza strip. This mentality is characterized by denial of Israel's right to exist, recognition of Israel's sovereignty, avoidance to support the Palestinian causes and refusal to acknowledge the Problem with lack of coordination and unity among Ummah.

Furthermore UN proposed the Partition ^{plan} in 1947 dividing Palestine into two separate Jewish and Arab states with Jerusalem under International administration. Jewish accepted the Plan but

Arabs rejected. In 1948 Chairman of Jewish agency David Ben-Gurion declared Israel's Independence in response to that Arab League launched the Military Intervention which leads to first Arab-Israel War in 1948. The war led to refugee crisis of Palestinians known as Nakba "Catastrophe" in Arabic. In 1949 first Islamic Conference held in Karachi, where Muslim leaders discussed the Israel-Palestine Conflict and verbal support to Palestine rather than no such effective action which shows same an Ostrich mentality and again lead to 1967 War. Since then, Israel has pursued the expansionism policy with occupied the Gaza strip and West Bank. In 1987 Palestinians were uprising against the occupation of Gaza strip and West Bank known as Intifada. But Israel continued the expansion policy with recent movement towards Gold Heights.

Addition to the Muslim Ummah's response to Israel's actions has been characterized by denial action and ineffective rhetoric. Denial to the Israel's right to exist and failure to recognition of Israel's Sovereignty. And even

Cause including economic support, diplomatic efforts and mobilization of Public opinion. ✓
 General Conference of OIC held regarding the conflict always exemplified the failure of Muslim Ummah to coordinate their efforts, provide effective economic support for the Palestinian Cause.

However several factors contributed to Ummah's Ostrich mentality in responding to Israel's actions. The key factors are Western fear US and EU hegemony and economic interests i.e Saudi Arabia alone have 400 \$ billion investment in US and In 2020 EU trade with middle east was over 200 billion dollar. Hence the majority of Muslim Countries fear that criticizing Israel or supporting Palestinian Cause will jeopardize their interests. Another factor is internal conflicts and divisions within the Ummah. Muslim-majority Countries are divided by Sectarian, (Saudi Arabia and Iran), ethnic, (Turkey and Syria) ideological differences (Pakistan and Bangladesh), which have hindered their ability to coordinate their efforts and respond effectively to Israel's actions. And the last and important factor of an Ostrich mentality is lack

of leadership among the Muslim Ummah to unite them on one platform.

Consequently the Ummah's an Ostrich Mentality have been far-reaching and devastating. Israel has continued to expand its settlements (announced the settlement in Golan Heights Syrian Territory) demolish Palestinian homes (Gaza strip completely demolished) and restrict Palestinian movements (Blocked the Gaza strip all around).

The Palestinian people have suffered immense human rights violation (45000 people killed in recent conflict) displacement and poverty. The Ummah's inaction has also eroded its credibility and influence in International Affairs and has created an environment in extremism and radicalization can thrive.

In Conclusion, the Ummah's an Ostrich mentality is responding to Israel's Actions has been major obstacle to resolving the Israel Palestinian conflict. To address this conflict effectively, the Ummah must adopt proactive and effective approach. This requires coordination among Muslim Majority Countries, effective economic support for Palestine, mobilization of Public Opinion and activism and support for peaceful resolution and

Conflict transformation initiatives
as per UoP charter. By adopting
more proactive and effective approach
the Ummah can help to bring an
end to Israel's occupation and
promote the human rights and
dignity for Palestinian people and
contribute to more just and peaceful
resolution to Israeli-Palestinian
conflict.