

# Syria's Permanent Representative to the UN Al-Jaafari: Israel's Occupation of Arab Lands Reached Dangerous Stages

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Syria's Permanent Representative to the UN, Bashar al-Jaafari warned that the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories has reached dangerous stages in light of the international inability to force Israel to end its occupation in implementation of the relevant international legitimacy resolutions.

During an open UN Security Council session held Tuesday to discuss the item titled "The Situation in the Middle East", al-Jaafari criticized the attempts by some delegations to divert the deliberations from the main aim for which this item was made to try to marginalize the issue of the Israeli occupation and focus on other irrelevant issues like the situation in Syria, Egypt, Lebanon...etc.

He wondered at the UN Secretary General's representative's attempt to drop the accurate legal designation of Golan recognized by the UN as "the occupied Syrian Golan" and say only the "Golan", slamming him for ignoring any mention of the need to bring the Israeli occupation of the Golan to an end.

He also lashed out at the allegations brought forth against Syria by the delegations of the very same countries which have been providing support, shelter and arms to the terrorists and thriving to foil any peaceful solution to the crisis, citing Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and some Western countries.

"The Israeli occupation of the Arab territories and its repercussions on the overall security and stability of the region has reached very dangerous stages in light of the international inability to compel Israel to end its occupation," said al-Jaafari.

He denounced the international community's incapability to put an end to Israel's grave violations of the international charters, on top being Geneva Convention of 1949, and force it to stop its settlement activities and expulsion of Arab inhabitants from their lands.

He also warned of the gravity of the current Israeli effort to approve the so-called Praver Law which practically aims to confiscate 800,000 dunams of lands and destroy 36 villages in Negev to be replaced by settlements, in addition to displacing 45,000 Palestinian inhabitants.

Al-Jaafari highlighted the continuous suffering of the Syrian citizens under the Israeli

occupation in the occupied Syrian Golan in light of the absence of an international will to end this occupation according to the relevant UN resolutions, particularly the Security Council resolution no. 497 for 1981.

He wondered at the fake zeal of some countries regarding the rights of peoples and the preservation of the civilian's lives, while such zeal is absent when it comes to the Israeli violations of the rights of the Arab people in occupied Palestine and the occupied Syrian Golan and the barbaric practices against them.

"It has been 46 years since Israel occupied the Golan...yet we haven't heard anybody calling for holding meetings to defend the Syrians under the occupation and those displaced... or for organizing conferences to collect humanitarian donations to help them," said al-Jaafari.

"Moreover, some sides' zeal to send fact-finding committees has vanished when it comes to the occupied Syrian Golan," he added.

The Syrian Representative stressed that the international silence on the Israeli practices led Israel to launch an aggression on the Syrian territories on May 5th, 2013 and to continue making threats of carrying out other offensives.

"Israel's continued aggressive practices have raised tension in the region to unprecedented levels portending a large-scale regional war that would definitely endanger the international peace and security," al-Jaafari warned.

He slammed the UN Secretary General's representative for ignoring the ongoing cooperation taking place between Israel on the one hand and the armed terrorist groups on the other at the Disengagement Zone.

Al-Jaafari clarified that the Israeli occupation forces have been providing aid to the armed terrorist groups in the Disengagement Zone in the Golan through admitting the injured terrorists to the Israeli hospitals to be treated and then allowing them back into Syria to resume their terrorist acts.

He condemned the Israeli assistance to the terrorists in Syria as not only being a flagrant violation of the Disengagement Agreement and the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) and the international law, but also in that it endangers the lives of the UN forces working there and undermines their work.

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