

# Haniyeh: Israeli policy of targeting Jerusalem unacceptable

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**Head of Hamas Political Bureau Ismail Haniyeh said on Tuesday that Israeli policy of targeting Jerusalem is not unacceptable by the Palestinian people and resistance factions.**

In a televised speech, Haniyeh held the Israeli occupation fully responsible for the repercussions of its escalation in Gaza and occupied Jerusalem.

The Palestinian people have forced the Israeli occupation to push Israeli settlers away from Al-Aqsa Mosque and disrupted their celebrations of the so-called “Unification of Jerusalem.”

Haniyeh pointed out that he had contacted a number of regional leaders since the events started in Jerusalem and the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood.

“Our message was that we will not abandon Jerusalem or the option of resistance with all of its forms,” Haniyeh continued.

Haniyeh called for a position to be taken in support of the Palestinian people and pressure to be exerted on the Israeli occupation to end its aggression on Jerusalem and Gaza.

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The Hamas chief called for all Palestinians to unite against the Israeli occupation, urging the Palestinian Authority (PA) to end security collaboration with the Israeli occupation and to scrap its recognition of it.

He added: “The connection between Gaza and Jerusalem should continue and the Israeli occupation has to be aware of that and end its aggression on Jerusalem and the al-Aqsa Mosque.”

Through the massacres that it has committed in Gaza, Haniyeh continued, the Israeli occupation is attempting to break this equation and keep Gaza out of the struggle equation.

## **Three fronts**

In light of this, Haniyeh affirmed that his movement has acted on three fronts, with the first being Jerusalem and the al-Aqsa Mosque.

He pointed out that the second front is Gaza which is entrenching the concept of geographical, historical, and religious connection with Jerusalem.

The third front is the Palestinian territories occupied in 1948, Haniyeh continued, adding: “I salute the Palestinians living there who have endured all attempts to wipe out their identity.”

The Palestinian people everywhere are today presenting a great united front, Haniyeh noted.

Saluting the Arab and Muslim public who have taken to the streets to voice their solidarity with the al-Aqsa Mosque, Haniyeh explained that all attempted to undermine the Arab public awareness towards the Palestinian cause were bound to fail.

Haniyeh hailed Palestinian Jerusalemites for standing steadfast at the al-Aqsa Mosque and defending Jerusalem and the Palestinian resistance for standing up for the holy city.

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