

Assalamwa' alaikum Respected Imams,

**FOA Calls on UK Mosques to highlight the virtues of Masjid Al-Aqsa and the recent attacks in your Eid Khutbas.**

Masjid Al-Aqsa, the holiest site in Jerusalem, is under attack by Israel. Peaceful Muslim worshippers are being targeted with tear gas, rubber-coated bullets, and shock grenades. As I write, over 500 worshippers have been injured.

The gross violations by Israel on Muslims first Qibla, the site of Isra wal-Miraj and the place the Prophet (SAW) led all the other Prophets in prayer needs to be condemned. The attacks are happening in Ramadan and some of the worshippers were in itikaf (seclusion). The attacks are also taking place in the crisis of the Covid pandemic.

FOA thus calls on Imams of every Mosque in the UK to highlight in their Eid Khutba the following:

- 1] Virtues of Masjid Al-Aqsa based on Quran, ahadith, Seerah and history.
- 2] To present the facts of what is now happening to Masjid Al-Aqsa.
- 3] To highlight the attacks on peaceful worshippers in Masjid Al-Aqsa.

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<https://www.foa.org.uk/publications/aqsa-resources/>

Masjid Al-Aqsa urgently requires the help of the believers. The least we can do is remind our congregations on Eid Day of the great Muslim heritage to Masjid Al-Aqsa and Bayt ul Maqdis.

I pray you will all join us in this humble request and pass the message on to Imams.

Finally, I request you remember Masjid Al-Aqsa and me in your duas.

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