

July 25th, 2014: Unforgettable International Quds Day

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The International Quds Day was initiated by the Founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, in 1979 as a way of expressing solidarity with the Palestinians and underscoring the importance of the holy Quds to Muslims.

International Quds Day is an annual event opposing Israel's occupation of Baitul-Muqaddas and other Palestinian territories. Anti-Zionist rallies and demonstrations are held on the last Friday of Ramadan in Muslim and Arab as well as non-Muslim countries around the world.

In 2014, the Nigerian Army opened fire on the followers of Shaikh Ibrahim zakzaky who were taking part in Quds day rally and killed 35 people, including three sons of Shaikh Zakzaky, leader of the movement in Zaria

The crackdown on pro-Palestinian protesters appears to be the consideration for the security assistance provided by the Zionist regime. It is a shame that the current Nigerian government has abandoned the decades-long support of the Nigerian people and government for the Palestinian liberation struggle.

Witnesses say that the soldiers involved in the shooting came from the Military Depot at Sabon Gari Barracks. Three truckloads of armed soldiers opened fire at the participants of the rally.

Shaikh Zakzaky has frequently been imprisoned under the various Nigerian juntas, currently, he is in illegal detention by the Major General Buhari and is a fierce critic of political corruption, as well as the so-called Boko Haram movement.

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