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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the, secretariat of the Human Rights Council, and has the honour to attach herewith an official statement issued by an official source of the Government of Saudi Arabia regarding its condemnation of the violation by Israeli occupation authorities of the sanctity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque (see annex).

In this connection, the Permanent Mission wishes to request the Office of the High Commissioner to kindly have the present note verbale and the above-mentioned comments* published in full as a document of the thirtieth session of the Human Rights Council.

^{*} Reproduced as received, in English and in Arabic only.





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[Arabic and English only]

An official source has expressed the Kingdom's strong condemnation of Israeli occupation authorities' violation of the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque, and fully holds the Israeli authorities the responsibility of any consequences resulting from this illegal aggressive act, stressing that this attack will lead to serious consequences and contribute to feeding extremism and violence, and it is contrary to all international principles, laws and legislations, and flagrantly violates the sanctity of religions in infringement on one of the most important Islamic sanctuaries, the third holy mosque.

The official source confirmed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's absolute rejection of the policy of the Israeli occupation of the time-based-division of Al-Aqsa Mosque, warning of what will be resulted from these policies of escalation that lead to serious consequences, calling on the international community to move immediately to compel the Israeli authorities to stop the attack on the Islamic holy sanctuaries and respect religions, international laws and legislations and the principles of the peace process.

عبر مصدر مسؤول عن استنكار المملكة العربية السعودية واستهجانها الشديدين لانتهاك سلطات الاحتلال الإسرائيلية لحرمة المسجد الأقصى الشريف ، وحمل المصدر السلطات الإسرائيلية بالكامل أي تبعات ناتجة عن هذا العمل العدواني غير المشروع ، مؤكداً أن هذا الاعتداء سيؤدي إلى عواقب وحيمة ويسهم في تغذية التطرف والعنف ويتنافى مع المبادئ والقوانين والتشريعات الدولية كافة وينتهك بشكل صارخ حرمة الأديان بالتعدي على أحد أهم المقدسات الإسلامية ، ثالث الحرمين الشريفين.

وأكد المصدر المسؤول رفض المملكة العربية السعودية القاطع لسياسة الاحتلال الإسرائيلي المتمثلة بالتقسيم الزمني للمسجد الأقصى، محذراً مما سيترتب على هذه السياسات من تصعيد من شأنه أن يؤدي إلى عواقب وخيمة ، مطالباً المجتمع الدولي بضرورة التحرك الجاد والفوري نحو إلزام السلطات الإسرائيلية بالتوقف عن الاعتداء على المقدسات الإسلامية واحترام الأديان والقوانين والتشريعات الدولية ومبادئ عملية السلام.

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