Egypt Is Too Precious to Allow the Israeli Occupation Any Say in Its Internal Affairs



The Muslim Brotherhood (MB) condemns, in the strongest terms, the hostile statements made by Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz – including the lies and baseless accusations directed at the MB, as well as the blatant attempts to implicate it in allegations that the occupation uses as a pretext to interfere in Egypt's internal affairs.

The Israeli minister's commendation of the Egyptian authorities' decision regarding the Muslim Brotherhood exposes who stands to benefit from the continuation of this approach, and raises a question that cannot be ignored: how can a decision – one that the occupation's defense minister applauds and views as a victory for his own political interests – possibly serve the security of Egypt and its national army?

The MB asserts that the dispute between it and the current authorities in Egypt is an entirely internal, national matter – one in which it has neither sought nor will ever seek the assistance of any external parties. It further maintains that Egypt's future is to be determined solely by its own people, free from any foreign interference or attempts by the occupation to undermine its security and stability.

In the same vein, the Brotherhood rejects the statements made by U.S. President Donald Trump regarding the risks posed by the group, as well as U.S. Senior Advisor for Arab and African Affairs Massad Boulos's commendation of the decision (by the Egyptian authorities) to ban the MB. The Brotherhood maintains that such stances disregard the Egyptians' right to political pluralism and provide cover for continued exclusion and division, rather than fostering national consensus and respecting the will of the people.

With this rhetoric, the U.S. administration replicates the approach of repressive regimes – evading internal crises and political failures by fabricating imaginary enemies and pinning the blame on them, rather than confronting the

actual problems and addressing their root causes.

Egypt is far too significant for its national security to be reduced to decisions of exclusion and division; it is far too precious to allow the Israeli occupation any say in its internal affairs or the future of its people. Egypt's strength can only be found in the unity of its citizens, the cohesion of its internal front, and the independence of its decision making – free from foreign interference or the agendas of the country's enemies.

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