

Beat: Sports

Duplication of UN Resolutions, and “International Olympics and FIFA”

The Oppressed Palestine

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A few days ago, Prof. Fayez Abu Areeda from Yarmouk University, published an article in the Jordanian newspaper Astadom under the title "Where are you, Infantino, from what is happening in Gaza?!", in which he tackled the terrible football silence of the international community represented by the largest international football sports institution "FIFA" towards the bloody events and massacres of killing and mass destruction in Gaza.

This article raised my concern and took me out of my silence for what is happening to our Palestinian brothers in Gaza who are killed day by day in front of television screens, amid terrible silence from the international community and the duplication of positions and decisions from international organizations and international and sports institutions represented by the International Olympic Committee and the FIFA Federation, and we are talking today about some of those positions and the duplication of decisions of those international institutions, which are supposed to apply justice and equality in all their positions and decisions, but this did not happen towards our just Arab issues - these decisions, which were published in many international sites and newspapers - and may move the hard hearts of sports leaders, and to know how to deal the international community with our Arab issues?!

In 1936, many liberal and left-wing political movements and parties, which condemned Hitler's fascist dictatorship, linked their opposition to the holding of the Olympic Games in Berlin, in conjunction with Germany's overall economic boycott, called by the great powers to denounce Hitler's crimes against Jews, at which time, the president of the Amateur Athletes Union, Judge Jeremaya Mahoney, claimed to call for the boycott of the 1936 Olympics. Mahoney is one of a number of pro-boycott Catholic leaders.

New York Governor L. Smith, Massachusetts Governor and James Curley also opposed sending a team to Berlin. While the Catholic newspaper recommended Comnuel, before the launch of the Berlin Olympics, to boycott the Games, which could "legitimize the crimes of the Nazi Hilter, that with constant international pressure, former assistant Secretary of the Navy Ernest Le Jank, who is of German Protestant descent, was expelled from the International Olympic Committee in July 1936, after taking a strong public stance opposed to the Berlin Olympic Games. The committee chose Avery Brundage to occupy the seat of Jank in a very significant sign, and Jank is the only member of the committee to be expelled throughout its 100-year history.

With the outbreak of the Russian-Akronian war in February 2022, several European countries allied in order to exclude Russia from the FIFA World Cup qualifiers, as the French Football Federation demanded that Russia be expelled from the World Cup qualifiers it organized in Qatar 2023, considering that "the world of sports cannot remain neutral" from what is happening in Ukraine. The French Federation announced its support for the refusal of Poland, Sweden and the Czech Republic to face the Russian team in the European annex leading to this global football event, until the FIFA adopted a decision against Russia officially from preventing it from participating in the 2022 World Cup and from all international football competitions, which came against the background of the military operations carried out by Russia by the order of Russian President Vladimir Putin on Ukrainian territory, while the International Olympic Committee decided to suspend the membership of the Russian Olympic Committee in October 2023.

However, if we go and look at the events, bloody massacres, war crimes and genocide that happen to Palestine against the Palestinian people by killing thousands and injuring hundreds of thousands in the occupied Gaza besieged with all kinds of weapons, equipment, aircraft and war missiles by air, sea, land, in view and hearing the whole world and in front of television screens, and attempts to displace and starve, we will find the duplication of international and international resolutions and international Olympic resolutions, against the Palestinian people fighting in front of the terrorist Zionist entity.

Rather, we will find the strangest thing is the withdrawal of Arab sports teams in front of Israeli sports teams in international championships in protest against the practices of the occupied Zionist entity without any international interference to express their rejection of these crimes and massacres.

Here, we must stand to reflect on international positions and international resolutions and their bias to the Israeli-Zionist war mechanism completely without any regard for the feelings of Arabs and Muslims anywhere, and make us demand that the international community to take the same positions and decisions they have taken against the German Nazis and against Russia in its war on Ukraine, and correct the course of the international sports community by stopping the Israeli sports in all championships and sports. It is also necessary to take a unified Arab-Islamic position towards this stupid duplication by uniting the ranks of the Arab Olympic committees to take a firm and firm position and speed up the demand to stop the Israeli sport, in partnership with friendly and free countries.

The end has nothing before us but praise our Kuwaiti and Arab sports champions who expressed their positions and rejected this Zionist enemy in international forums by withdrawing before them with a decision of them alone and right and without considering any privileges, temptations or gains and the taste of winning to play in front of this Zionist enemy.

Finally, we are always proud of Kuwait's present and supportive positions of the Palestinian cause in all international forums, in various aspects of unlimited material and moral support, and today we remind the leaders and officials of international sports institutions that they will be held accountable for this silence on the Day of Judgment.

God bless Kuwait, its prince, its people and its people from all evil

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