



EFF WELCOMES THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) conveys its warmest wishes to our Muslim brothers and sisters, locally and abroad, as they embark on this auspicious month of Ramadan. May we all take inspiration from this spirit of sharing and togetherness and remember with kindness the vulnerable, the poor, and the marginalised.

Islam calls for justice, peace and unity, and this holy month reminds us of these noble values inherent in Islam which encompass compassion, mutual respect, and humility.

Therefore, we ask our Muslim brothers and sisters to continue to pray and advocate for the victims of the unfolding genocides in Occupied Palestine, Sudan, Ethiopia, Armenia, New Guinea, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As the EFF, we remain committed to advocating for a free Palestine, a commitment we first made on the founding of the EFF on 26 July 2013, and we have maintained the pressure for the end of the Israeli occupation of Palestine in several ways.

Our President Julius Malema led a protest march to the Israeli Embassy on the 2nd of November 2017 which coincided with the 100 year anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The Balfour Declaration paved the way for the establishment of the Apartheid Israeli State, and we marched in support of the demands made by Palestinians for the retraction of this declaration.

On the 23rd of October 2023, President Julius Malema led the EFF, along with several other pro-Palestine civil society organisations and political parties, to the Israeli Embassy to demand its closure.

As a result, on the 21st of November 2023, the South African Parliament voted in favour of an amended EFF draft resolution tabled by President Julius Malema to expel the Israeli

ambassador from South Africa. However, we are still waiting for the President of the African National Congress (ANC), Mr Ramaphosa to assent to Parliament's decision. We believe that this would be the most progressive act in support of the people of Palestine.

We therefore call on every Muslim, man, and woman to pray for strength for the EFF to continue to pursue social justice locally and abroad. It is only justice that will bring about a lasting and sustainable peace, and we will advocate for social justice locally in every sphere of government.

The EFF additionally echoes the call of all like-minded civil society formations and political parties to stand together in solidarity in our shared desire for justice for the marginalised in these trying times, and strive to build a just and peaceful South Africa.

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