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Today, we remember the Nakba — the catastrophe

Today is the anniversary of the 1948 Nakba, the catastrophe. over 750,000 Palestinians were expelled or fled from their homes. Hundreds of villages were depopulated or destroyed. Generations have since grown up in refugee camps, diaspora, and under military occupation — denied the right to return to their ancestral lands.

For 77 years the Palestinians have endured displacement, occupation and oppression. The Nakba is not a chapter closed in history books — it is an ongoing reality. Starvation is weaponized, Displacement continues. Families are evicted, lands are confiscated, lives are lost. And yet, the resilience of the Palestinian people endures.

To remember the Nakba is to honor truth over erasure. It is to stand with justice over oppression. It is to uphold the basic human right of a people to live freely, with dignity, on their own land, Palestine.

May we never forget.

May we raise our voices for those silenced.

May we see a day where justice and peace prevail.

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IONA's mission is to transform its members and help transform the surrounding communities to righteous, God-fearing people, who collectively strive for the highest moral standard and constantly seek forgiveness from our Creator to earn His pleasure. We seek His compassion and mercy in this life and in the hereafter. We rejuvenate our soul through internal struggle and spiritual exercise in worship of our creator God. The strength of our belief in God gives us the courage to establish good and forbid evil, thus promoting a system of justice for all mankind.