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## **Justice for all**

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When will the world take notice and stop the misery in Palestine, whether it is the individual terrorists in the form of suicide bombers or the state terrorists in the form of bulldozers grazing houses and bullets fired at teenagers?

The United States has always championed freedom and democracy; now is the time to be honest in our foreign policy and stop the pains of the distraught people of the world who have time and time again sought your help, beginning in Palestine.

Don't we find it amazing how we are so willing to help end the oppression of the Kurds under the Iraqi regime or the Afghans under the Al-Qa'eda-Taliban regime, but not the nearly four decade occupation of Palestine for which the United Nations has passed hundreds of resolutions, upon which we can enact an initiative?

While we are willing to act on rumours and speculations without an UN mandate, we neglect the real mandates of the global community. Why isn't it the case that what is good (peace, democracy, human rights and modernity) for Afghanistan and Iraq is not good for Palestine?