## The Eve of Al Quds

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It's that time of the rolling lunar year, the last Friday in Ramadan when all the world's Muslims, Shia and Sunni forgetting their differences, come together to bay for Jewish blood and the capture of Jerusalem, which Holy City they call Al Quds. In London this year it will be tomorrow, same place as last year and the year before. A slow and chaotic muster off Portland Place behind the BBC, a fashionably late start, a shuffle down Regent Street, whatever route the police decide along or around Oxford Street to Grosvenor Square and the US Embassy where such luminaries as Mad Dame Jenny Tonge will address them on the subject of the Great Satan (USA) and the other Lesser Satan Israel. Jeremy Corbyn isn't expected this year.

Friends and I have observed this for <u>Other years</u> we concentrated on trying to get the<u>several pro-Israel and Jewish</u> groups organised a counter protest, Stand Against Hate, which was good to be part of. They intend to do the same again tomorrow. I hope to hear the couragous Kay Wilson, an Englishwoman born who <u>petition</u>. An <u>sympathetic arm</u> of the press. He did meet with the <u>Islamic Human Rights Commission</u> who organise the London event are pleased to inform their supporters that

"participants are welcome to bring flags that show solidarity with the Palestinian cause. Flags of proscribed (illegal) organisations will not be allowed. For example, you can bring a Hizbullah flag to show support for the political wing of Hizbullah. This is because the political wing of Hizbullah is not a proscribed organisation"



So the Party of Allah and kalashnikov ("Then surely the party of Allah are they that shall be triumphant" (<u>Quran 5</u>:56), will fly across my city again tomorrow. The city Islamic where two terrorist attacks this year have killed 13 and injured 98, not to mention our fellow citizens in Manchester where 23 were killed and 119 injured.

I'm not happy about it. But after at least 10 years of groups opposing it, more people are at last waking up to how offensive this march is.

Back tomorrow.