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To All international organizations, friends and partners in the world.

Subject: Urgent Call for the Protection of Palestinian civilians and put an end to the Israeli war

Dear Colleagues

I hope this message finds you in good health. Today, we write with a heavy heart and an unwavering commitment to seek justice and protection for our cities of Palestine during this challenging time.

The relentless and disproportionate attacks by the Israeli occupation in the Gaza Strip are nothing short of true tragedy and war crimes by all standards. Israel is systematically targeting residential neighborhoods and wiping out entire apartment buildings, causing unimaginable suffering to innocent Palestinian families. Gaza today is living without electricity, water, or food supplies, and the situation is on the brink of catastrophe. Hospitals, already struggling due to the blockade, are no longer able to preserve the lives of their patients, and the lives of the innocent are at serious risk.

I urgently appeal for humanitarian intervention and assistance to halt this tragedy and protect the lives of people in Palestine. Please stand alongside the innocent and contribute to bringing justice and peace to this devastated region.

Tragically, Israel is indiscriminately killing Palestinian residents of the Gaza Strip, causing immense pain and anguish. With deep sadness and regret, the Gaza Strip witnesses the indiscriminate targeting of its Palestinian residents, causing unimaginable pain. The Martyrs toll has now surpassed 2,750 Palestinians, including a devastating 32% infants. Shockingly, over 1,000 individuals are- trapped beneath the- rubble, their lives tragically cut short. Alongside- this immense loss, there have been 9,700 civilian's injuries recorded among them innocent children (1644) and women (over 1000). also, in the West Bank 58 Martyrs and more than 1,250 civilians injuries according to latest update.

Within the past year, an alarming increase in violence against Palestinians by settlers in the West Bank has been observed. Reports from the United Nations reveal that approximately five incidents occur daily. This wave of violence continues to inflict fear upon Palestinian communities, exacerbating an already tragic crisis. To compound this devastating toll, around 50 families have been expunged from civil records in Gaza Strip due to ruthless brutality within a mere six days.





Furthermore, the tragedy deepens as approximately 110 children remain unidentified. The gross violations of basic human rights are consistently condemned by the international community. However, the Israeli government seems to remain unchecked and unpunished.

This unfortunate situation is worsened by the ongoing siege imposed on the Gaza Strip, leading to a severe humanitarian crisis. The residents of Gaza are forced to endure unimaginable suffering and seek justice for their plight.

As part of their military activities, the Israeli army has compelled people to evacuate to the southern part of the Strip, resulting in internal displacement within UNRWA schools, hospitals and other places affecting over a million individuals.

Additionally, by implementing a decision to cut electricity and water supplies, prevent fuel and medical aid entry into Gaza, the strain on healthcare facilities, clinics, and hospitals significantly intensified. This heightened the severity of the already dire- situation to an unprecedented extent. Furthermore, hospitals are facing catastrophic conditions due to scarcity in equipment, deliberate targeting of medical personnel and ambulances. The deliberate targeting of ambulances and hospitals by Israel constitutes a blatant violation of international law, causing severe health repercussions. It is unprecedented in the history of wars to notify hospitals for evacuation, as even in armed conflicts, there are laws that must not be violated. The existing shortage in the Gaza Strip have been further exacerbated by the blockade, pushing the situation towards an unavoidable catastrophe.

In the West Bank, the Israeli closure, including the closure of the international border crossing with Jordan and the closure of illegal checkpoints, isolates entire cities and villages, while illegal settlers enjoy freedom of movement, exemplifying a two-tier apartheid regime. Israeli attacks on holy sites in Jerusalem continue to provoke tension and instability. Halting these attacks is of paramount importance. We consider stopping these attacks crucial. We hold the Israeli occupation responsible for the well-being and safety of Palestinians in the occupied territories. Urgently, we implore immediate and effective action. We call upon the responsible parties to demand Israel's cessation of aggressive actions in Gaza, put an end to the forced displacement of individuals in the Gaza strip, safe guard civilian lives, prevent further loss of life, provide urgent humanitarian aid, and address the escalating humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Furthermore, the international community is strongly urged to protect civilians and exert pressure on Israel. It is essential for Israel to adhere to international law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention. This convention emphasizes safeguarding civilians during conflicts and occupations. Immediate action should be taken to halt organized attacks on holy sites.





The unconditional support offered by U.S. and European officials to the Israeli occupation, while ignoring the plight of the Palestinian people, constitutes complicity in human rights violations and crimes against humanity, including the crime of apartheid.

The failure to hold the Israeli occupation accountable for its crimes has led us to the current situation.

Hebron Municipality calls on global leaders and the international community for immediate intervention to prevent the unfolding humanitarian catastrophe. The municipality urges the international community to hold the Israeli occupation authorities accountable for their grave violations of international humanitarian law, which may amount to war crimes. The municipality emphasizes the need to provide protection and safe access for the injured and medical and humanitarian workers.

It also calls for the urgent opening of a safe humanitarian corridor to ensure the entry of fuel for humanitarian facilities and to transfer the injured and wounded who require treatment outside the region and essential supplies (including food, water, electricity and medical supplies), in compliance with their legal obligations under international law.

All parties must adhere to the laws of war and protect civilian populations. We appeal to all municipalities, local administrations, and our sister cities to intervene and press their governments on the importance of ending this war and working with utmost humanity and effort to urge Israel to cease this action and comply with international law.

Your Sincerely

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