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## The Nakba of Palestine: From 1948 and Deepening Ever Since

It's heart-wrenching to see the echoes of 1948 resurface in our times. The catastrophic events of that era, which forcibly displaced over a million Palestinians from their homes—many finding a temporary refuge in neighboring countries' camps—are unfolding once more. Today, history repeats itself in a grim cycle of displacement, as these families find themselves caught in a relentless siege, desperately seeking any sign of safety.

It's the **76th Annual Commemoration of the Palestinian Nakba**, and the Palestinian people have suffered continuously over the 76 years; many have been killed, injured, or imprisoned. Countless homes have been destroyed, and communities have been repeatedly displaced. The hardships have only intensified over the years, with the current situation in Gaza presenting an even more harrowing chapter. Since October 7th, 2023, a relentless tragedy has unfolded in Gaza, claiming the lives of approximately 35,000 Palestinians, including over 14,873 children and 9,801 women. Each number represents not just a statistic, but a person who had dreams, a story cut short, and a family left to grieve—a loss that is profound and immeasurable.

The families were stripped of their security and memories built over generations with the destruction of over 31,000 buildings. Families are experiencing acute shortages of life's most basic necessities. Access to clean water has plummeted, with many residents subsisting on a mere 3-15 liters per day—a stark contrast to their previous daily usage. The situation is dire when it comes to food availability: 70% of the population is at risk of famine, leaving countless families grappling with hunger and malnutrition. This crisis hits children and pregnant women hardest, underscoring an urgent need for nutritional support to protect the most vulnerable among us.

In these times of hardship, the resilience of the Palestinian spirit shines brighter than ever. Families, despite losing so much, continue to support each other, sharing whatever little they have in a profound display of community and endurance. This resilience, however, should not stand alone. It beckons a call to the international community to stand in solidarity with those whose rights and dignities are threatened daily.

We are at a critical turning point where global action can and must bring relief and change. Your support can reawaken hope where it has faded and rebuild lives where they have been shattered. Let us recommit to the values of justice and humanity. Let us transform our compassion into action and ensure that no more lives are lost, no more dreams are deferred, and no more families have to endure the unbearable pain of displacement and loss.

Together, we can help heal these wounds and advocate for a future where peace and security are realities for all. **The time to act has passed—every moment counts, every effort matters.**

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