[PALESTINE] Palestinian Civil Society Organizations (CSO’s) call for the protection of the Palestinian people.

The ongoing Israeli occupations nonproportional attacks against protected civilians in the Gaza Strip constitutes a war crime. The Israeli occupation, as the occupying power, has a legal responsibility to ensure the protection of the lives and wellbeing of the protected Palestinian civilians in times of war.

The attacks by the Israeli occupation forces have claimed the lives of over 413 Palestinians in the Gaza strip (including wiping out entire families and the lives of over 78 children) and six Palestinians in the West Bank (including one child) thus far.

The international community has consistently voiced condemnation of the Israeli occupation’s violations of Palestinian's basic human rights. Nevertheless, the governmental occupation has continued to expand unchecked, not suffering any consequences.

The long-standing blockade imposed on Gaza has created severe humanitarian crises. The blockade has left Palestinians in Gaza struggling with dire circumstances, fueling their determination to seek justice.

The recent attacks imposed by the Israeli occupation have resulted in the forced displacement of tens of thousands Palestinian citizens in Gaza, pushing them to internal displacement in UNRWA schools.

The occupation implemented a decision to cut power to the Gaza Strip, causing distressing effects on healthcare facilities. Gaza’s already-strained healthcare infrastructure, due to the blockade, is now further burdened, posing a larger threat to countless lives.

The targeting of ambulances and hospitals by Israel constitutes a violation of international law, inflicting severe health repercussions. Gaza, lacking the essential healthcare resources to respond effectively to such crises, faces further humanitarian consequences.

The Israeli closure of the West Bank, including the closing of the only international border crossing between the West Bank and Jordan, and the closure of the various illegal checkpoints in the occupied West Bank, thus isolating entire cities and villages from the rest of the Palestinian communities in the occupied West Bank, is another example of the
systematic violations of Palestinians rights to movement and freedom. Illegal settlers in the West Bank, on the contrary, are granted freedom of movement and travel, indicating an implementation of a two-tier apartheid regime by Israel.

The Israeli occupation attacks on holy sites in Jerusalem have been another source of provocation. These attacks are sponsored and led by the most extreme elements in the Israeli occupation government. The halt of these attacks are of utmost importance.

We place full responsibility on the Israeli occupation for the well-being and safety of Palestinians living in the occupied Palestinian territories. We urgently request that the international community and United Nations take immediate and effective actions to put significant pressure on Israel occupation to stop its offensive actions in Gaza, ending forcibly displacement of people in the occupied West Bank, protect the lives of civilians, prevent any further loss of life, provide urgent humanitarian assistance to address the consequences of ongoing aggression, and halt the worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

We also call on the international community to protect the civilians and pressure Israel to comply with the international law outlined in the Geneva Conventions, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention that focuses on protecting civilians during conflicts and occupation. Additionally, we emphasize the need for an immediate cessation of organized attacks on holy sites.

We consider the flagrant unconditional support the U.S and European officials are offering Israel occupation while ignoring the plight of the Palestinian people as complicity in Israeli human rights violations and crimes against humanity, including the crime of apartheid. It is the international community's failure to hold the Israel occupation accountable for its crimes that have led to the current situation.

In this context, it is crucial to emphasize that the root causes of these events is the illegal occupation of Palestine by Israel. Ending the occupation and ensuring the right of the Palestinian people to obtain their freedom are fundamental imperatives. It is the duty of countries worldwide to actively work toward ending this occupation.

To express agreement with this document, each organization is expected to sign below:

1. Palestinian Non-Govermental organizations Network – PNGO
2. AMAN Coalition
3. Palestinian NGO forum for combating violence against women (Almuntada)
4. REFORM
5. Sharek youth Forum
6. Bisan Centre for Research and Development
7. Human Rights and Democracy Media center SHAMS
8. Palestinian center for Development and Media Freedoms (MADA)
9. Filastiniyat
10. Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development PWWSD
11. Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counselling
12. Center for Defense of Liberties and Civil Rights “Hurryyat”
13. Addameer for prisoner support and human rights
14. General Union of Cultural Centers
15. Union of Palestinian Women Committees
16. Jerusalem Legal Aid Center
17. Arab world democracy and electoral monitor (Almarsad)
18. MA’AN Development Center
19. Women’s Studies Centre (WSC)
20. YWCA Palestine
21. Palestinian Youth Union – PYU
22. Palestinian initiative for the prolongation of Global Dialogue and Democracy - MIFTAH
23. MUSAWA- The Palestinian Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession
24. The Civil Commission for the independence of Judiciary and Rule of Law (ISTIQLAL)
25. Palestinian Medical Relief Society – PMRS
26. Health Work Committees Palestine
27. Psycho social counseling center for women
28. QADER for Community Development
29. Land Research Center
30. WOMEN'S Affairs Technical Committee
31. MARIAM TV
32. Hadded Hadfak Association
33. جمعية الزهراء الخيرية
34. Wasel center for youth development
35. الائتلاف من أجل النزاهة والمساواة-أمان
36. The national society for rehabilitation
37. لهيئة الدولية لدعم حقوق الشعب الفلسطيني
38. مركز د.حيدر عبدالشافي للثقافة والتنمية
39. Fsmagh/machrek
40. جمعية الشباب والبيئة
41. Remedial Education Center
42. The International Commission to Support Palestinian Rights (ICSPR)
43. Consejo de Educación Popular de América Latina y el Caribe – CEAAL
44. Confederación Intersindical
45. Unión Popular Valle Gómez
46. Daniel Sánchez Negrete
47. Public Aid Society
48. Palestinian Social forum – PSF
49. Alternatives Forum – Palestine
50. Forum des Alternatives Maroc
51. Observatoire Marocain des Libertés Publique
52. Comité pour le développement et le patrimoine
53. لمرصد المغربي للحريات العامة
54. The Community Development and Media Center
55. Yafa Cultural Center
56. Carlos de Jesús
57. Alternatives International
58. Alternatives
59. INEPE – Ecuador
60. Consejo de Educación Popular de América Latina y El Caribe, colectivo de Ecuador
61. Teachers Creativity Center
62. Elraafa
63. Atfaluna society for deaf children
64. Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions – ZCTU
65. Syrian Expatriate Medical Association
66. Supporting Palestinian People Rights Association
67. Cultural and Free Thought Association
68. AFKAR Organization for Educational & Cultural Development
69. The Arab Women's Union Society Nablus
70. Arab Agronomists Association
71. Central blood bank society
72. PYALARA
73. Democracy and Workers' Rights Center in Palestine
74. The Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem (ARIJ)
75. Mental Health and PsychoSocial Support
76. The Arab Center for Agricultural Development/ ACAD
77. Rural Women Development Society
78. Palestinian Performing Arts Network
79. Wishah
80. Defense for Children International Palestine Section
81. Trades Union Congress Ghana – Halls of Trade Unions