



Open Letter

Your Excellency, Mr. Antonio Gutteres- Secretary General of the United Nations,

Your Excellency, Mr. Türk, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Your Excellency, Mr. Václav Bálek, the president of the Human Rights Council for 2023,

Greetings to your excellence,

Your Excellences,

Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (A Women Grassroots Human Rights Organization working Throughout OPT- www.pwwsd.org) would like to bring to your attention the dire situation faced by Palestinian civilians, especially women, in the Gaza Strip, who have been enduring relentless attacks by Israeli forces for over fifty days. The gravity of the situation demands immediate and concerted international intervention to end the aggression and the profound violations of International Law and International Humanitarian Law committed by the Occupying Force (Israel).

Regrettably, the Israeli occupation forces have employed a wide array of armaments, including internationally prohibited munitions, resulting in one of the most severe genocides witnessed by the contemporary world. Lethal weapons such as white phosphorus and stun grenades have been indiscriminately used against Palestinian civilians and vital civil infrastructure. The Israeli forces have targeted facilities safeguarded by international law and humanitarian principles, including those belonging to the United Nations. Hospitals and worship places were targeted and demolished by the Israeli air strikes.

Even United Nations facilities, including UNRWA Schools, which are used as shelters for civilians currently, have been deliberately targeted and demolished by Israeli forces. Hospitals and paramedical teams have not been spared, exacerbating the already critical healthcare situation. More than two-thirds of the population in the Gaza Strip have been displaced, seeking refuge in public spaces like schools, churches, and other similar facilities.

The crimes committed by Israeli forces are not only in violation of international law but also contravene the principles of humanity. It is imperative that immediate and concrete steps be taken to put an end to these atrocities and protect the lives of innocent Palestinian civilians and stop the genocide (إبادة) process.



Your Excellences,

We urgently appeal to your esteemed agencies to use your influence and diplomatic channels to pressure the Israeli government to end its aggression in the Gaza Strip. Additionally, we request the United Nations to impose a comprehensive and just resolution to the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict and obligate Israel to abide by international law and end its illegal occupation of Palestine. We urge you to ensure the applicability of the United Nations Charter and end the attack against Palestinians in the light of recognizing Palestine as a state under occupation, by the United Nations General Assembly.

The international community cannot stand helpless while innocent Palestinians are killed and sieged and their human rights are violated. Your prompt attention and action on this matter are crucial in averting further tragedy and contributing to the restoration of peace in the region and in the world.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to the principles of justice and human rights.

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