

An Urgent Call to save Palestinian lives in the Gaza Strip



Crimes & violations committed against the Palestinian people are escalating at high rate. Since Monday 12th of November; the Israeli occupation Forces raided Khan Younis south of Gaza Strip rising tensions by killing 7 Palestinians and injuring tens of Palestinians. The Israeli occupation Forces also killed 6 more Palestinians and injured 25 Palestinians. The Israeli occupying jet fighters struck 70 targets which limited in at least tens of buildings “home, satellite channel, governmental buildings” totally and partially destroyed in addition to agriculture land.

Since the 30th of March 2018, 234 unarmed Palestinian civilians have been killed alongside over 22,000 thousand Palestinians are injured by Israeli occupying forces. Israel occupation Forces have repeatedly used excessive and lethal force against the great return march civil protestors.

Violations that the Palestinian people face cannot remain as only ‘breaking news’ that we hear, listen and forget! International community must take a firm stance and ensure that Israel abides by the international human rights and humanitarian law.

We have not lost hope in the international community to hold Israel accountable for its crimes and violations committed against the Palestinian people, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) and Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO) call upon the intentional community to:

- Provide proactive international protection to the Palestinian people and assist the occupied Palestinian people in obtaining their freedom, independence and the right to self-determination, demand access to their rights including freedom of assembly. Israel occupation must respect rights of Palestinians in living a dignity life and stop violations to their basic human rights.
- End to the blockade on Gaza Strip and to hold the Israeli occupation accountable for the violations committed against Palestinian civilians, especially attacks committed against the civil demonstrators, journalists and health personnel in the peaceful March of Return.

The international community cannot continue to ignore this collective punishment of the people of Gaza Strip which is prohibited under international law, and there must be international accountability for such actions. We invite international community to actively engage in all human rights monitoring mechanisms to shed light on gross and systematic human rights violations committed by the Israeli occupation and to call for accountability! In this context we consider the upcoming High Level Political Forum 2019, during which Israel will have its Voluntary National Review an important opportunity for international community to put pressure on Israel!

Sustainable peace is at the core of sustainable development. Assessing Israel's commitment to sustainable development goals is directly linked to development rights of the Palestinian people, remaining under occupation. Their silenced voices amid struggles for life, needs international community to speak up for them, stronger and accountable!

