



## **OIC OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION STATEMENT CONFLICTS BETWEEN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL**

Regretfully, we are still witnessing migration, conflicts and wars in 2023. No war lasts forever and no war has a real winner. What is essential for humanity is tranquility, prosperity and peace. Whatever the reason is, no group or people can be punished collectively. Even wars have morality and law. War crimes are regulated in international law for this purpose.

In Gaza, in front of the whole world; international law is being violated, and events that proves the failure of human dignity and conscience are occurring. Bombing all residential areas without distinction of civilians and thus causing the death of civilians is a violation of international humanitarian law. In the 21st century, cutting off the electricity and preventing access to food, water and fuel for all civilians, including women, children, elderly and disabled people, is a crime against humanity. It is unacceptable that the United States and the European Union support and almost encourage this crime, and it will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the greatest affront to humanity. Years later when looking at history, human rights defenders will be called out for where they were at the time these crimes against humanity were committed.

The bloodshed in the Middle East must be stopped as soon as possible before it spreads into more regions. And in order to ensure peace, Israel must comply with the United Nations Security Council's resolutions and withdraw from the lands it occupied unlawfully within the framework of international law. A two-state solution is the only solution for peace and an independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds as its capital should be established, in compliance with the 1967 borders.

Al-Quds is a holy city for all divine religions. Therefore, all religions should show respect. Attacks on sacred values also violate international law.

As the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Ombudsman Association, we invite all human rights institutions/defenders to take action. It is essential to comply with international humanitarian law, prevent further civilian casualties, ensure people's access to their basic needs, ensure a peaceful environment as soon as possible, and deliver international humanitarian aid to the region in this process. There is no time to waste in these terms.

### **As the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Ombudsman Association;**

- **WE STRONGLY CONDEMN** any attack on civilians' right to life and all kinds of unlawful and inhumane measures that deprive civilians of vital needs such as electricity, water, food, fuel and medical supplies,
- **WE REQUEST** the necessary support for Israel's withdrawal from the lands it unlawfully occupied, within the framework of international law and in line with the United Nations Security Council resolutions, and for the establishment of an independent State of Palestine based on the 1967 borders,



- **WE DRAW ATTENTION TO** the importance of humanitarian aid reaching the region until peace is achieved,

-**WE INVITE** all Human Rights Organizations and Ombudspersons from all around the world and the entire international community, especially the United Nations, International Organizations and the European Union, **TO TAKE ACTION** to calm the parties and ensure peace in the region as soon as possible, and **NOT TO REMAIN SILENT** in their own countries.

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