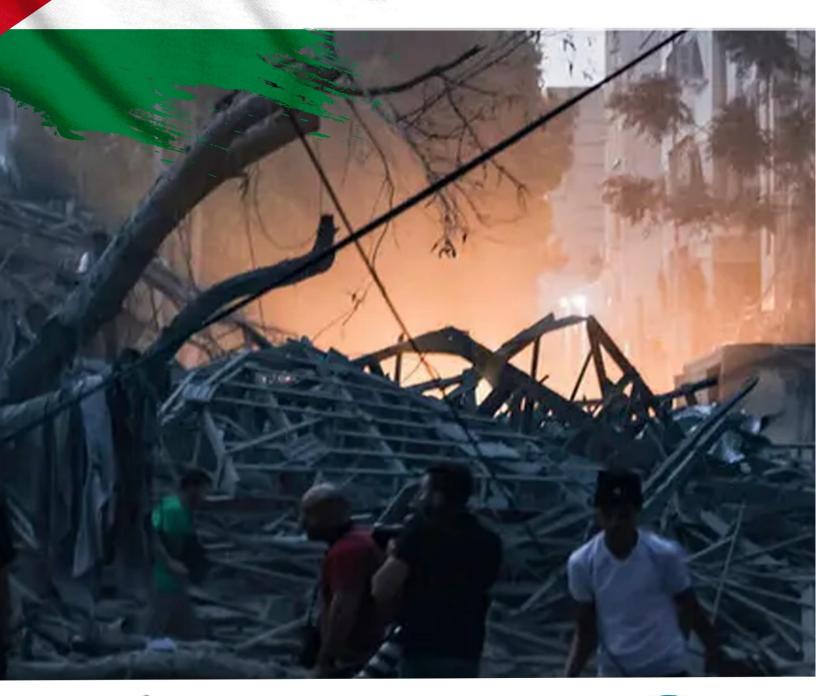
UNLEASHED-ISRAELI AGGRESSION ON GAZA STRIP: VIOLATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW PROVISIONS







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The Justice Support foundation affiliated by The Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) condemns the military aggression conducted by the Israeli occupation forces against civilian citizens in the Gaza Strip and the occupied areas of the West Bank, demanding international protection for civilians under occupation according to and as enforcement of United Nations Charter.

The occupation forces' attacks on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, which began on October 7, 2023, are still continuing at the very moment, by bombarding Gaza Strip with Israeli warplanes, with an unprecedented ramped up intensity. The continuous bombardment targeted the civilian population, their homes, and vital installations. These attacks have also resulted, so far, in casualties that mount to 1000 martyre residents of the Gaza Strip, nearly a third of whom are children, 9 medical teams and 7 journalists. Add to this hammering dozens of homes, number of Holy Worship Sites and ambulances.

It's worth mentioning that this unprecedented violent bombardment continues, live on-screen, till the very moment!

The occupation authority is also tightening its siege on Gaza, started twenty years ago, cutting off all means of life starting from drinking water, fuel, electricity, and food, which is considered as a collective punishment; a war crime according to International Humanitarian Law. The occupation authority, has moreover described, through its leaders, Gaza residents in racist dehumanizing terms, depriving them of all their human rights recognized in International Humanitarian Law and human rights conventions.

The Justice Support foundation affiliated by The Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) affirms that the current aggression against the Gaza Strip and the West Bank is a violation of the provisions of International Humanitarian Law, especially the First and Fourth Geneva Conventions, and that the assaults conducted by the occupation forces are **considered** war crimes and crimes against humanity, according to Articles no. 7 and 8 of the Statute of the International Criminal Court, which are:

- Bombarding and indiscriminate killing of civilians, including children, women, and people with disabilities, in non-military areas.
- Destructing vital facilities and installations, including universities, buildings, ministries, banks, land crossing and other vital facilities.
- Destructing public facilities that provide basic services such as drinking water, electricity, healthcare providers and other service facilities
- The imposition of sieges that endanger the lives of civilians by depriving them of goods essential for their survival including drinking water, food, fuel, and medical supplies.
- Official statements of a number of the occupation authority officials, especially the statements of the Minister of Defense and the Prime Minister, that contained direct threats to all Gaza residents, as quite flagrant as the Prime Minister's request asking Gaza residents to "leave" the Strip despite the complete siege.

• Internal displacement, by forcing the civilian population to flee their homes to other places by destroying their homes, and displacing residents.

The Justice Support Institution demands the international community to fulfill its legal and ethical obligations, starting immediately to provide protection for the Palestinian people under occupation, especially the residents of the Gaza Strip who are subjected to continuous airstrike bombardments in a "Complete Siege" that deprives them of all the basics of life. It also demands that the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court document the war crimes and crimes against humanity that occurred by the Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian people, and which continue to this day.