

National Campaign for Human Dignity

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT BIDEN ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

Dear President Joe Biden,

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The National Campaign for Human Dignity is concerned about the growing human rights crisis in Israel and Gaza. We condemn individual, group, or state sponsored terrorism. We believe in equal human rights for Israelis and Palestinians. We know that the life of an Israeli child is neither more nor less important than the life of a Palestinian child.

We agree totally that Israel has the right to defend itself. The question is: against whom? The 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza are not all terrorists. 30% of Gaza population are children under 10 years of age. These children are neither soldiers nor combatants.

Gaza is the most densely populated place on earth. 2.3 million Palestinians live in Gaza, an area that is the size of Detroit, USA. In less than 8 days, Israel dropped over 6,000 bombs on Gaza. And the bombing continues with your administration's support. Imagine 6,000+ bombs dropped on Detroit. Along with innocent Palestinians, some of the victims of these 6,000+ Israeli bombs will be innocent American and Israeli hostages taken by Hamas.

Indifference to this relentless military bombardment and destruction of Gaza, denial of water, food, medicine, fuel, and electricity to 2.3 million men, women and children, and expulsion of millions of Palestinians from their homes violates the United Nations Human Rights Charter. This cruel and unusual collective punishment has risen to the level of crimes against humanity.

We are disappointed with U. S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken. He has no human rights objectivity. He operates as an extension of the Netanyahu administration in Israel. Peace talks, rooted in the indivisibility of human rights, appear to be alien to him. In the process, your administration is squandering the goodwill people and nations have for the United States.

We call for wisdom, not anger and revenge. The lives of millions of innocent Israelis and Palestinians are at stake. We demand that you use of the full powers of your office to:

- 1. End the Blockade of Gaza, Now.**
- 2. Supply water, food, fuel, medicine, and electricity to all civilians in Gaza, Now.**
- 3. Bring about immediate cessation of war, hostilities, and bombardment of Gaza, Now.**
- 4. Commence negotiations for the safe return of innocent hostages held by Hamas and Israel, Now**
- 5. End Israeli government's push to expel millions of Palestinians from their birthplace, Gaza. This is ethnic cleansing! This must not happen! If it does, Israel and the U.S. will be blamed for decades!**
- 6. Commence U. S. sponsored Israeli-Palestinian Peace Talks at Camp David, Now.**

Finally, we hereby request an urgent meeting with you and our representative delegation of civic, community, labor, clergy, youth, and women organizers. A favorable consideration of this request, at your earliest convenience, will be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully,

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An injury to one, is an injury to all.