



Cease Fire in Gaza Save the Living, Mourn the Dead Work for Peace and Justice

WOMEN IN BLACK CALL for IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE and HUMANITARIAN ACTION

We condemn the Hamas terror attacks of 7th October and ongoing military attacks that Israeli Prime Minister called “raining hellfire” on Gaza. Committing atrocities can never be legitimate self defence or justify further atrocities. Attacks against children and unarmed non-combatants are prohibited under International Humanitarian Law. This applies to all violators, whoever and wherever they are.

We mourn with Israelis and Palestinians who are grieving the loss of beloved friends and family members.

Women in Black is an international feminist network that was founded in Jerusalem and Haifa in 1988 by Jewish and Palestinian women, holding public vigils to call for nonviolent action and diplomacy to end the illegal occupation of Palestine and bring justice, respect and peace for all peoples living in the Middle East. By standing in solidarity around the world, Women in Black express our rejection of violence, militarism, Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, misogyny and racism of all kinds. We work for peace with justice.

An immediate ceasefire and urgent humanitarian and diplomatic action are necessary first steps to prevent further deaths in Gaza and start building sustainable security and peace for the future. We urge the UN and all governments, including in Britain, to support urgent diplomatic action to achieve the safe return of Israeli hostages, accountability for perpetrators, and justice for Palestinians being targeted by missile strikes, evictions, dispossession and heightened violence by illegal ‘settler’-advocates in the West Bank.

The ongoing Occupation and patriarchal violence and militarism that accompany it on all sides are fuelled by various governments, companies, and profiteers who feed nationalism, state and terrorist violence, corruption, and nuclear threats and proliferation. Through weapons production, sales and trafficking, they are responsible for driving armed conflicts and war, undermining peace, and violating human rights and humanitarian laws.

As a humanitarian and moral imperative we call for the UK and all relevant governments and agencies to provide urgent humanitarian and medical aid to Palestinian civilians in Gaza, including water and food.

More must be done by all of us to save lives and work for peace, justice and sustainable security in the Middle East, Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Congo and beyond.

To PM Rishi Sunak, Foreign Secretary and Cabinet, 10 Downing Street, London SW1

I am appalled by the escalation of violence in Israel and Palestine and condemn the Hamas massacres and the humanitarian disaster being inflicted on people living in Gaza. Military attacks, bombarding towns, nuclear weapons and terrorism can never provide legitimate self defence, security or deterrence. Only dialogue, diplomacy and political solutions can bring sustainable security, with justice and peace.

I urge the UK Government to join the many governments, international agencies and citizens who are calling for an immediate Ceasefire in Gaza and safe return of the hostages.

I call on you to do all in your power to provide humanitarian aid and assistance to save lives and prevent further attacks and terrorism. I urgently request you to:

- ➔ Call on the Israeli government to halt its attacks on Gaza, lift the siege, and enable humanitarian and medical assistance, electricity, food and water to reach Palestinian people in need;
- ➔ Facilitate independent monitoring of the violence and abuse perpetrated against women and children as part of the terrible escalation of attacks on Israeli and Palestinian civilians;
- ➔ End arms sales and trade between the UK, Israel and other governments that violate human rights and international humanitarian law, and do more to prevent arms trafficking of all kinds.



Signed.....Date.....

Name:

Address:Postcode

Women in Black hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the door of the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin’s Place, London WC2. Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war.

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