

#CeasefireNow: Open Call by 290 organisations from 50 countries for an Immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel to Prevent a Humanitarian Catastrophe and Further Loss of Innocent Lives

We have witnessed unfathomable death and destruction in the Gaza Strip and Israel. **Thousands of people have been killed, injured, displaced, and nearly two hundred remain held hostage, including children and elderly.**

In Gaza, the UN has said that water, food, fuel, medical supplies, and even body bags, are running out due to the siege. The UN warned that people – particularly young children – will soon start dying of severe dehydration. Neighbourhoods have been destroyed and turned into complete rubble. Palestinians in search of safety have nowhere to go. Many of those who relocated from northern Gaza to the south after the relocation order by the Israeli army were reportedly bombed as they attempted to flee or once they arrived in southern Gaza.

The events of the last week have led us to the precipice of a humanitarian catastrophe and the world can no longer wait to act. **It is our collective responsibility.**

On Sunday, October 15th, the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator to the Occupied Palestinian Territory appealed to all parties to the conflict, and to Member States with influence, to **urgently agree to a humanitarian ceasefire.**

Today, we put our voices together and call on all Heads of State, the UN Security Council, and actors on the ground, **to prioritize the preservation of human life above all else.** During this ceasefire, we call on all parties to unconditionally:

1. Facilitate the delivery of lifesaving assistance, including food, medical supplies, fuel, and the resumption of electricity and internet to Gaza, in addition to safe passage of humanitarian and medical staff
2. Free all civilian hostages, especially children and elderly
3. Allow humanitarian convoys to reach UN facilities, schools, hospitals, and health facilities in northern Gaza and commit to protecting them along with the civilians and staff inside them at all times
4. Rescind orders by the Government of Israel for civilians to depart northern Gaza
5. Allow patients in critical condition to be medically evacuated for urgent care

The UN Security Council, the UN Secretary General and all world leaders with influence must take immediate action to ensure a ceasefire comes into effect. It remains our only option to avert further loss of civilian life and humanitarian catastrophe. Anything less will forever be a stain on our collective conscience.

Civilians are not bargaining chips. Families need a chance to bury and mourn their dead. The cycle of violence against innocent civilians needs to stop.

List of signatories below. 19 October 2023.

Name of Organisation	Country of Head Office
11.11.11	Belgium
38 Degrees	United Kingdom
50:50 NI	United Kingdom
ABCD Bethlehem	United Kingdom
Abductees Mothers Association	Yemen
ACAT France	France
ACTION AGAINST HUNGER	France
Action Corps	United States of America
Action For Humanity	United Kingdom
ActionAid International	South Africa
Africans Rising	Africa-wide
Afro-Middle East Centre	South Africa
Agriculture Developmrrnt Associations PARC	Palestine
Ajyal Foundation for Education	United Kingdom
Al Basma Club for the Disabled	Palestine
Alliance Internationale -AIDL	Belgique
Alquds center for Political Studies	JORDAN
Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action)	United States of America
Americares	United States of America
Amos Trust	United Kingdom
Anera	United States of America
AOI	Italy
Arab foundation for civil society and human rights	Egypt
Arab NGO Network for Development	Lebanon
Asamblea de Cooperación por la Paz	Spain
Asociación Otra Escuela	Spain
Association Ifriqiya	Tunisia
Association of War Affected Women	Sri Lanka
ASSOPACEPALESTINA	ITALY
Avaaz	Global
Baptist Union of Wales	United Kingdom
Belgian Academics and Artists for Palestine	Belgium
bina	Germany
Bond, the UK network for INGOs	United Kingdom
Broederlijk Delen	Belgium

Bytes For All, Pakistan	Pakistan
Caesar Families Association	Syria
CAFOD	United Kingdom
Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies	Tunisia
Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME)	Canada
CARAS	United Kingdom
Care International	Switzerland
Carolina Peace Center	United States of America
CCFD-Terre Solidaire	France
Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights	United Kingdom
Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)	The Netherlands
Center for Human Rights in Iran	United States of America
Center for Peace Education, Miriam College	Philippines
Centre for human Rights & Civic Education (CHRICED)	Nigeria
Centre for Peace Research and Advocacy -CPRA	Zambia
CESVI	Italy
cfd - The feminist Peace Organisation	Switzerland
Change Horizons Forum	Yemen
ChildFund Alliance	United States of America
Christian Aid	United Kingdom
Christian Aid Ireland	IRELAND
Church and Peace - Ecumenical peace church network in Europe	Germany
Church World Service	United States of America
Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)	United States of America
CIDSE	Belgium
CISP	Italy
CISS - COOPERAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE SUD SUD	ITALY
City of Sanctuary Sheffield	United Kingdom
CIVICUS	South Africa
CNCD-11.11.11	Belgium
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Asia Pacific	Philippines
Coexist Community kitchen CIC	United Kingdom
Committee to Protect Journalists	United States of America
COPE Cooperazione Paesi Emergenti	Italy
COSPE	Italy

Cotidiana Mujer AFM	Uruguay
Council for Arab-British Understanding	United Kingdom
Council on American-Islamic Relations	United States of America
Counterpoints Arts	United Kingdom
CRIC - Centro Regionale d'Intervento per la Cooperazione ETS	Italy
Culturel Center Beethoven Bettounssi	Tunisia
DanChurchAid	Denmark
DanChurchAid	Denmark
Danish Refugee Council	Denmark
Daraj Media	Lebanon
DC Peace Team	United States of America
Defense Foundation for Rights and Freedom	Yemen
Delawareans for Palestinian Human Rights	United States of America
Democracy School	Yemen
Denis Hurley Peace Institute	South Africa
Diakonia	Sweden
Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality	Fiji
Educo Member of ChildFund Alliance	SPAIN
EL SPACE	Tunisia
Embrace the Middle East	United Kingdom
English for Action (EFA) London	United Kingdom
Entraide & Fraternité	Belgium
Episcopal Relief & Development	United States of America
Escola de Cultura de Pau (School for a Culture of Peace)	Spain
Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor	Switzerland
European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect	United Kingdom
European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (ECR2P)	United Kingdom
European Network on Statelessness	United Kingdom
Fédération Internationale pour les droits humains (FIDH)	France
Feminist Task Force	United States of America
Fenix Humanitarian Legal Aid	Greece
Foro Ciudadano Relaciones Celac-UE	México
Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)	UGANDA
France Palestine Mental Health Network	France
Friends Committee on National Legislation	United States of America

Friends of Nablus and Surrounding areas (FONSA)	United Kingdom
Fundación Cultura de Paz	Spain
FUNDACIÓN MUNDUBAT	SPAIN
Futuro en Común	Spain
Gandhi Development Trust Phoenix Settlement Trust	South Africa
Gender Action for Peace and Security	United Kingdom
Gender Advisory Team	Cyprus
Genera: Red de mujeres feministas por la equidad de género en el desarrollo	Spain
Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect	United States of America
Global Communities	United States of America
Global Justice Center	United States of America
Global Justice Now	United Kingdom
Global Link	United Kingdom
Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)	United States of America
Global Rights	Nigeria
GPPAC Pacific-Pacific Women Mediators Network	Fiji
Haliéus	Italy
Handicap International – Humanity & Inclusion	France
Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights	United States of America
Health Poverty Action	United Kingdom
HEKS/EPER – Swiss Church Aid	Switzerland
Helen Suzman Foundation	South Africa
HelpAge Interational	United Kingdom
HIAS	United States of America
Human Life Foundation for Development and Relief	Yemen
Human Rights & Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"	Palestine
Human Rights Sentinel	IRELAND
Humans for Rights Network	United Kingdom
ICNA	United States of America
ICNA Council for Social Justice	United States of America
ICNA Council for Social Justice (ICNA CSJ)	United States of America
IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation	Turkey
IM Swedish Development Partner	Sweden

Ina outra senda - Swiss Friends of Combatants for Peace	Switzerland
Innovation for Change South Asia	Pakistan
Institute for Security Studies	South Africa
International Federation for Human Rights	France
International Rescue Committee	United States of America
INTERSOS	Italy
IPMHN Ireland Palestine Mental Health Network	Ireland
Islamic Center of Detroit	United States of America
Islamic Relief	United Kingdom
Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD)	Israel
Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions UK- UK	Israel
Israelisches Komitee gegen Hauszerstörungen (ICAHD) Germany	Israel
Jewish Network for Palestine	United Kingdom
Jewish Voice for Democracy and Justice in Israel/Palestine jvjp, Switzerland	Switzerland
Jewish Voice for Peace Albuquerque	United States of America
Jews against the Occupation Sydney	Australia
Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants	United Kingdom
Jusoor Center for Studies and Development	Libya
Kairos Palestine	Palestine
Kairos Palestine Sweden	Palestine
Kenya Human Rights Commission	Kenya
KURVE Wustrow - Centre for Training and Networking in Nonviolent Action e.V.	Germany
La Coordinadora de ONGD -España	Spain
Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights	United Kingdom
Liberian Energy Network	Liberia
Ligue Algérienne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme - LADDH	Algérie
Lutheran World Federation	Switzerland
MADRE	United States of America
Marib Girls Foundation	Yemen
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns	United States of America
MDM Network	Global
Medact	United Kingdom
Medecins Sans Frontières (MSF)	Barcelona, Geneva, Paris
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)	United Kingdom

medico international	Germany
medico international schweiz	Switzerland
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.	United States of America
Mercy Corps	United States of America
Mercy-USA for Aid and Development	United States of America
Middle East and North Africa Partnership for Preventing of Armed Conflict - MENAPPAC	Lebanon
Middle East Children's Alliance	United States of America
Migrant Roots Media	United States of America
Min Haqi Foundation to empower women politically and economically	Yemen
Misereor	Germany
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Justice and Peace Centre (Australian Province)	Australia
Mouvement Social	Lebanon
Musaala Organization for Human Rights	Yemen
Muslim Aid	United Kingdom
Muslim Legal Fund of America	United States of America
Mwatana for Human Rights	Yemen
Naseef Muallem	Palestine
National Cancer Control Foundatin - Yemen	Yemen
Network of the independent Commission for Human rights in North Africa CIDH AFRICA	Morocco
NGO SPES	Montenegro
NGOs Platform of Saida - Tajamoh	Lebanon
Nobel Women's Initiative	Canada
Nonviolence Network in the Arab Countries	Lebanon
Nonviolent Peaceforce	Switzerland
Nophotozone	France
North American Imams Fellow	United States of America
North West Migrants Forum	Northern Ireland
Northern Friends Peace Board	United Kingdom
Norwegian Church Aid	Norway
Norwegian Refugee Council	Norway
Oxfam	United Kingdom
Palestinian Human Rights Organisation "PHRO"	Lebanon
PAX	The Netherlands

Pax Christi Australia	Australia
Pax Christi International	Belgium
Pax Christi USA	United States of America
Peace Committee, 15th St. Friends Meeting, NYC	United States of America
Peace Direct	United Kingdom
Peace Organization for Peaceful Coexistence	Iraq
Peace Watch Switzerland	Switzerland
Peacemaker Trust	United Kingdom
Permanent Peace Movement	Lebanon
Piattaforma OSC italiane in Medio Oriente e Mediterraneo	Italy
Plan International USA	United States of America
Plateforme des ONG françaises pour la Palestine	France
PREMIERE URGENCE INTERNATIONALE	France
Première Urgence Internationale	France
Project on Middle East Democracy	United States of America
Protection Approaches	United Kingdom
PVE for Peace	Morocco
Rebuilding Alliance	United States of America
Reclaim The Sea	United Kingdom
RefuAid	United Kingdom
Refugee Support Group	United Kingdom
ReThinking Foreign Policy	United States of America
Revista La Mar de Onuba	Spain
Right to Movement Palestine	Palestine
Romanian Peace Institute - PATRIR	Romania
Roshanka	Italy
Sabeel	Palestine
Sabeel Kairos Norway	Norway
Sabeel-Kairos UK	United Kingdom
Salam For Yemen	France
SALAM NGO	Italy
SAM Organization for Rights and Libertie	Yemen
Sanad alBasra Organization for Human Rights	Iraq
Save the Children	United Kingdom
SB Overseas Soutien Belge	Belgique

Schengen Peace Foundation	Luxembourg
Search for Common Ground	United States of America
Secours Islamique France (SIF)	France
SEEN.TV	United States of America
Seenaryo	Lebanon
Sheba Youth Foundation	Yemen
Shining Star educational organization of Afghanistan	Afghanistan
Shma Koleinu - Alternative Jewish Voices of NZ	New Zealand
Social Development Hodeida Girls Foundation	Yemen
Solutions for a Small Planet	United Kingdom
SOS Children's Villages Palestine	Austria
STOPAIDS	United Kingdom
Study sky academy	Jordan
SUDS - International association of solidarity and cooperation	Spain
Syrian American Medical Society	United States of America
Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR).	The Netherlands
Syrians for Truth and Justice	France
Tamkeen for Legal Aid and Human Rights	Jordan
Tanzania Community Health Information and Support	Tanzania
Terre Des Hommes Foundation Lausanne	Switzerland
Terre des Hommes Italia	Italy
The Center for Mind Body Medicine	United States of America
The Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation	South Africa
The Episcopal Church	United States of America
The Foundation for Middle East Peace	United States of America
The Khalifa Ihler Institute	Sweden
The Mosque Cares Ministry of Imam W. Deen Mohammed	United States of America
The Palestinian Return Centre	United Kingdom
The Pickwell Foundation	United Kingdom
The United Church of Canada	Canada
the3million	United Kingdom
UK-Palestine Mental Health Network	United Kingdom
UN Association of San Diego	United States of America
UN Youth Association of Romania - Cluj Branch	Romania

United Against Inhumanity	Global
United Nations Association - UK	United Kingdom
University Network for Human Rights	United States of America
UOSSM International	France
US Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO)	United States of America
Vento di Terra	Italy
Viva Salud	Belgium
Vrede vzw	Belgium
War Child Holland	The Netherlands
War Child Sweden	Sweden
War Child UK	United Kingdom
War on Want	United Kingdom
Welfare Association (UK)	United Kingdom
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.	United States of America
WeWorld - Member of ChildFund Alliance	Italy
Womankind Worldwide	United Kingdom
Women for Peace	Finland
Women for Women International	Global
Women for Women International	Global
Women in Black Vienna	Austria
Women Political Alliance - Kenya	Kenya
Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)	Palestine
Women's Institute for Leadership Development	Zimbabwe
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom UK	United Kingdom
Women's International Peace Centre	Uganda
Womens Refugee Commission	United States of America
World Student Christian Federation	Argentina
Worldwide Women's Forum	France
Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation	United States of America
Youth Vision Society	Palestine
Youths Volunteering for Sustainable Development (YOVSUD)	Liberia