



Statement

Stop ethnic cleansing in Gaza Strip

For the eighth day in a row, Israeli occupation army continues its aggression against civilians in Gaza Strip using the most up to date destructive military equipment that is capable of killing and destruction leaving large numbers of martyrs and injuries, the majority of whom are civilian women, children and elderly and destroying homes in barbaric strikes on top of the heads of their residents, where entire families get buried under the rubble such as Albatsh family where 18 members of the same family were killed and five others were missing under the rubble.

So far, 173 martyrs have fallen, including more than 36 children and 1200 people were injured. Hospitals and places of worship were not safe from the continuous barbaric attacks. The following health facilities were affected: Gaza European Hospital, Alwafa hospital, Red Crescent headquarter in Jabalia, and six health centers including PMRS's EzbatBeitHanoun health center and PMRS's chronic disease center in central Gaza, not to mention targeting ambulances and medical teams, where three ambulances were destroyed and a number paramedics and volunteers were injured.

Arbitrary air strikes launched by Israeli forces mainly target civilians which constitutes a clear violation of Geneva's Conventions I, II, III and IV, and are also in violation of international and humanitarian laws, all under the eyes and ears of international institutions and human rights institutions. This requires an immediate stop for this aggression and providing international protection to the Palestinian people and condemnation of the occupation and its practices against civilian women, children, elderly and the ill.

On another side, civilians in Gaza Strip suffer the continuation of the stifling blockade which stands in the way of humanitarian aid arriving to them, including food, medicine, emergency equipment and hospital surgical needs, which is causing a severe shortage that threatens the lives of the people.

In light of this unprecedented catastrophic situation, we in the People Health Movement in the Middle East and North Africa urge all international organizations, the UN, Security Council and World Health Organization to intervene immediately to stop this rabid and destructive war and to provide international protection for the Palestinian people and to provide assistance necessary to cope with the difficult humanitarian situation of the Palestinian people in Gaza Strip.