

Prominent Muslim Organizations, Islamic Scholars and Civil Society groups from India Issue Joint Statement on Palestine - Call on the Indian government and Global Community to take decisive action against the Ongoing Genocide in Gaza

New Delhi: In a united appeal, major Indian Muslim bodies, religious scholars, and civil society collectives have issued a joint declaration on the crisis in Palestine, calling on both the Indian government and global powers to intervene and stop the continuing atrocities in Gaza.

JOINT STATEMENT ON PALESTINE

We, the undersigned leaders of Muslim organizations in India, Islamic Scholars and Peace-Loving Citizens of India strongly condemn the deepening genocide and humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza. On behalf of over 200 million Indian Muslims and all peace-loving citizens of our beloved country, we express our unwavering support and solidarity with the people of Palestine. We appeal to the Government of India, international leaders, and people of conscience worldwide to stand against the injustice and take swift action to end the continued Israeli aggression.

The relentless assault on the Palestinian people has taken the form of a brutal genocide, characterized by systematic destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, and refugee camps. Since October 2023, nearly 100,000 innocent Palestinians, including a significant number of women and children, have lost their lives. Alarming reports indicate that 90% of Gaza's healthcare facilities are either destroyed or out of service, with only a handful of nutrition centres left to serve over 2 million residents. More than 17,000 children have been orphaned or left without guardians, and over half a million have been denied access to education. Meanwhile, thousands of tons of essential food and medical supplies remain blocked at border crossings, and the collapse of water and sanitation systems has triggered the rapid spread of deadly diseases. Without an immediate end to the blockade, Gaza faces the imminent threat of widespread famine.

The international community cannot afford to remain silent. We call upon all states to sever military and economic ties with Israel and back the UN General Assembly's call to end the illegal occupation. We urge all Muslim-majority nations to put strong pressure on Israel and US to halt this catastrophe.

India has historically aligned itself with the oppressed; this is the moment to reaffirm that legacy. We call on the Government of India to honour its long-standing moral and diplomatic tradition by standing firmly with the Palestinian people in their just struggle. India must denounce Israel's brutal actions, halt all military and strategic cooperation with it, and actively back global efforts to ensure peace and stability in the region. We further appeal to the Indian government to champion humanitarian assistance and demand the urgent opening of humanitarian corridors to ensure the flow of essential supplies - food, water, fuel, and medical aid - to the blockaded civilians in Gaza.

We call on individuals and institutions to boycott Israeli products and companies complicit in this genocide. Civil society, educational institutions, and faith-based organizations must amplify the voices of the oppressed and counter the propaganda and misinformation being spread about the Palestinian struggle. We also appeal to the people of India to participate in peaceful and lawful resistance. Solidarity marches, awareness campaigns, academic discussions, and interfaith solidarity gatherings must be organized to show that the Indian conscience is not asleep. We must also ensure that support for Palestine does not become a target for state harassment or suppression, and that citizens can freely express solidarity without fear.

Let our voice reflect not political expediency, but the principles enshrined in our Constitution and the moral fabric of our civilization. Remaining silent or neutral in the face of genocide is not diplomacy - it is a failure to uphold justice. Now is the time to stand in solidarity with the people of Gaza. Let our actions be driven by our commitment to justice and our heritage of compassion. Together, we must speak out to prevent this humanitarian tragedy- before irreparable damage is done.

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