



## **Ceasefire Now- End the Genocide in Palestine**

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**The Palestinian Medical Relief Society** is outraged at the recent escalation in attacks on frontline workers, yesterday afternoon at 1600hrs Israeli warplanes bombed a convoy of Palestinian ambulances, preparing to take wounded to the border for treatment in Egypt. Shortly after, the entrance of Gaza's main hospital – Al Shifa, was bombed, another massacre within 30 minutes. Later the Indonesian hospital in the north of Gaza was also bombed. Overall dozens killed and injured. The evening before (2<sup>nd</sup> November), the world received news that beloved journalist Mohammad Abu-Hateb and his family were bombed and killed while asleep. The same evening, Palestine Red Crescent Society emergency responders were targeted, shot at, and injured.

Our fellow frontline workers, journalists, medical response, and civilian volunteers are being deliberately targeted. When PMRS speaks out against the deliberate attacks the occupying forces make, we are calling out these crimes for all our fellow frontline workers, because **here in Palestine, we work together and stand as ONE family.**

The healthcare infrastructure in Gaza has completely shut down after a month of relentless bombing and direct attacks on hospitals, ambulances, clinics, rehabilitation centers and healthcare workers. It has shut down due to a lack of fuel, electricity, food, clean water, and medical supplies. The occupying forces continue to bomb in the vicinity of hospitals, causing damage and terrorizing those working and the tens of thousands that are seeking refuge.

They **continue to bomb** schools and other shelters.

There is **NO PLACE SAFE IN GAZA.**

We are watching all our colleagues and peers waste away, as they work relentlessly to save those around them. Restricted food, water, and supplies is also genocide, just slower than bombs. How much more are the healthcare workers and the people of Gaza expected to take before these crimes end?

As we enter the 28th day, we would like to draw attention, to the fact that the figures we see, are **only a fraction of the human toll:**

Yes, there are more than 4,500 babies and children killed, but what about those still stuck under the rubble or those that were not identifiable?

Yes, there is a total of 10,000 people killed, but what about those under the rubble, buried in mass graves quickly and those who are now broken into thousands pieces, who have not yet been put back together?

Yes, there are over 23,000 injured, mostly women and children, but what about the injuries our eyes cannot see? The mental and emotional injury that will last **forever IF they are allowed to live.**

What about the hundreds of babies now left orphaned or those unidentified because they have no family left?

What about the number of those now left with permanent physical disabilities?

What about those who are sick and dying because they need chronic healthcare? The 1100 kidney patients, the 9,000 cancer patients?

What about those who could have lived if there was electricity and medical supplies? Or those whose complications could have been prevented had there been adequate medical supplies and access to treatment?

What about **the 50,000 pregnant and the expected 160 newborns every day**? Both lives are at extreme risk due to the catastrophic humanitarian landscape that has been **ALLOWED** to happen.

**These numbers are the tip of the iceberg.**

Is that all we as a Palestinian people are to become? Numbers, statistics? Facts in history books for people to read about and feel something, only generations after genocide has been allowed to occur?

**Our teams are bleeding, our people are dying, and the healthcare system is dead.**

PMRS asks that you continue to apply pressure on representatives and demand a ceasefire. That you continue to act in whichever way you can, to bring an end to this genocide. We ask that you **don't ignore the West-Bank and Jerusalem** as the violence here continues to escalate to unprecedented levels. We plead that you don't forget Palestine and her beautiful people who need you now more than ever.