



Statement on the “Flour Massacre”.

As healthcare professionals deeply committed to safeguarding human life and dignity, we are horrified by the ongoing atrocities unfolding in Gaza. The recent onslaught by Israeli forces on Palestinians waiting for food aid, called the **"flour massacre"**, has resulted in the tragic loss of at least 112 Palestinian lives, leaving 760 more wounded and in desperate need of care within a Palestinian healthcare system that has been severely incapacitated. This event epitomizes the appalling reality of indiscriminate Israeli violence and genocidal attacks and crimes against humanity.

On the same day, Israeli airstrikes and shelling further compounded the suffering, claiming the lives of at least 30 individuals in separate attacks on the Nuseirat, Bureij, and Khan Younis refugee camps in Gaza. The Gaza Health Ministry's harrowing report of six children succumbing to dehydration and malnutrition at Kamal Adwan and al-Shifa hospitals serves as a distressing reminder of the egregious disregard for the most vulnerable in society—a blatant violation of humanitarian law.

UN aid chief Martin Griffiths aptly summarized the gravity of the situation when he stated, "Life is draining out of Gaza at a terrifying speed." This underscores the dire consequences of the ongoing genocidal attacks on Palestinians in Gaza, with the death toll surpassing 30,000 and one in four Palestinians in Gaza at risk of starvation.

"We went to get flour. The Israeli army shot at us. There are many martyrs on the ground and until this moment we are withdrawing them. There is no first aid," said one witness.

Given the current dire conditions, it is unconscionable that starving Palestinians are risking their lives to access food, only to face the threat of Israeli gunfire. Such barbaric actions are not just inhumane but constitute genocidal atrocities that demand immediate cessation. We urge the United States to leverage its influence to stand up for humanity and enforce a permanent, unconditional ceasefire. Anything less only deepens the complicity of the American government in the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people. It's time for decisive action to end this carnage and senseless suffering.

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