



Press Statement

The embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary took with surprise with the recent remarks by the State Secretary H.E. Péter Sztáray, regarding the recent Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip.

“It is truly unfortunate and shocking to see a condemnation for the reaction and not recognizing the action preceded in the first place. Unlike previous aggressions, Israeli leadership admitted that they broke the truce and launched unjustified aggression on the Gaza Strip.”

The timeline this time is crystal clear. On Monday August 1st, 2022, Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) kidnapped a Palestinian citizen in the West Bank. This act caused resentment by the Palestinians in both the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Envoys intervened to deescalate any tension, and while talks between the envoys were on, and when there was no slight evidence that there would be any retaliation, Israel launches a treacherous attack, slaughtering more civilians, including women and children, burning more homes and farms in the Gaza Strip.

The first wave of the Israeli aggression, on Friday, claimed the lives of 10 Palestinians, including a five-year-old girl, and left 44 seriously wounded. Few hours after this horrific crime, a limited reaction – which was the only thing recognized and described by H.E. Péter Sztáray – occurred. Perhaps numbers can make it easier to grasp: The 48-hour Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip claimed the lives of at least 44, including 15 children and 6 women. More than 300 people have been injured, not to mention the massive destruction and the losses that mounted to millions of dollars in the infrastructure, buildings and farms, in the already besieged Gaza Strip.

Israel, the occupying Power, has never ceased its appetite to commit illegal acts nor to stanch settlers' crimes, neither in the West Bank and Jerusalem, nor in the Gaza Strip. Acts and crimes include, and not limited to, assassinations, arrests, demolishing homes, confiscating lands, building and expanding illegal settlements, strangling the besieged Gaza Strip (almost half of Palestinian population) and the list goes on and on. To be accurate, humanity, peace, security and regional stability bear the brunt of such ill-fated acts and practices.

At this juncture, the embassy of the state of Palestine in Hungary reiterates that any attempts by the occupying power to divide the Palestinian cause are doomed to failure. Despite unfortunate geographical division, the Palestinian people will



remain united, wherever they are. The West Bank, Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip remain Palestinian territory. Anything occurs in one side echoes in the other.

Palestine and Hungary share common values of human rights and adherence to International Law. The Hungarian nation and government have always shown sincere appreciation to the value of families, individuals and human lives. The ordeal of seeing foreign boots on national soil, the de-facto division of the land and the struggle of millions of nationals obliged to live outside their country, are other issues we expect the Hungarian government to recognize. As such, we expect a Hungarian condemnation of the act, the aggression, the treacherous attack that claimed the lives of unarmed civilians and innocent children and women.

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Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary
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They were just Children

