



Press Statement

The Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary learned with disappointment the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Hungary regarding the latest Israeli military aggression on besieged Gaza Strip.

While expressing “great sympathy” for those it described as civilians on the Israeli side mostly terrified by homemade rockets, the statement fails to give at least the same expression of human sympathy for the casualties on the Palestinian side, who were blatantly targeted by sophisticated high-precision missiles, with huge explosive capabilities.

It is apparent that the statement missed irrefutable facts such Israel, the occupying power, insidiously bombed in the middle of the night, in a supposedly surgical operation, leaving in the first strike more than 13 Palestinian citizens dead; of whom six women and four children.

In four days of this aggression, 33 Palestinians lost their lives, including children and women, and nearly 100 wounded, several of whom are in critical condition. Daily losses are mounting for more than 13.6 million dollars, for the illegally 16-year-besieged Gaza Strip.

The statement failed even to mention that yesterday marked the one-year anniversary of the targeted killing of a Palestinian journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, by an Israeli sniper, who until this day has not been held accountable. As a matter of fact, Israel’s impunity and lack of accountability lead to further crimes and violations.

Once again, we must all abide by the universality of international law. No country should be treated “above the law.” Terrorism remains terrorism wherever it is, regardless of the name of the criminal and the background of the victim. The right to self-defense is guaranteed to all nations, not least a nation living under occupation.

The Embassy of the State of Palestine finds it is the time for Hungary, to give a clear stance condemning the crimes committed by of the occupying power, and supporting any legal Palestinian move to hold Israel accountable for its crimes. Hungary, a member of the UN and the EU, is a country that abides by International Law, values the sanctity of life for all, and believes in the ethos that all people are created equal, is expected to join the rest of the world in calling on Israel, the occupying power, to end its crimes, aggression, and occupation.

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