



A Statement by the Embassy of the state of Palestine

Budapest –27th of February 2024: The Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary is frustrated and astonished at the Hungarian government's continued and unilateral support to positions and statements, supporting the Israeli occupation, in denial of a reality seen and heard by all.

This is the 21st century, people and states, alike, strive to uphold human value and rights, to reject injustice and oppression, to counter terrorism and violence, and spread the principles of justice, equality, tolerance and coexistence. yet, we are watching the massacring of humans broadcasted live from Palestine. Has this shameful reality become acceptable?! is it tolerated to silently witness the targeting of children, without criticism, or even urging the aggressor to respect the values of humanity, let alone, the principles of international law?!

After more than 140 days of Israeli aggression, genocide, systematic operations of ethnic cleansing, collective punishments, displacement, and the unleashing of settler gangs carrying out all forms of terrorism, the Hungarian government still refuses to call things by their names, or to accept judicial justice. Hungary rejected the directives of all European Union countries for an "immediate humanitarian pause that would lead to a sustainable ceasefire" in Gaza strip, to end the shedding of more innocent blood.

Following the official Hungarian positions and statements, one official clearly points how Hungary unilaterally excludes itself from the EU stand, as Hungary refused to call out Israeli settler terrorists who burned the Dawabsha family, killed others, destroyed the homes, and attacked churches, mosques, and worshipers. calling them Israeli "citizens", disregards the fact, that settlers unlawfully reside in occupied land and illegal settlements.



If this was an unintentional mistake, then it must be corrected. However, if it was not intentional, then those who described the settlers as citizens should explicitly say that they clearly stand against international law and against all UN and international resolutions regarding the illegitimacy of the settlements on the occupied land of Palestine.

The Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary believes that parroting statements like; “Israel’s right to defend itself” is an out-of-context representation of a distorted Israeli narrative. It justifies crimes committed against defenseless people, and promotes an illusory right, of an occupying force, which does not comply with the international law principle of self-defense, as mentioned in our previous statement.

Those who claim the politicizing the International Court, are actually trying to politicize it. The Palestinian cause is primarily a political issue, and it does not need to politicize a court for this purpose. International and local courts exist to bring justice and prosecute the perpetrator, this also applies to Israel. Nonetheless, attacking the courts and describing their verdicts as a provocative escalation of the conflict! might be true, but for a criminal who, habitually, commits crimes and refuses accountability. This legal approach shocked Israeli arrogance, a pride based impunity granted by international powers overlooking crimes against humanity. There is no greater escalation than the Israeli occupation daily massacres and regional tensions, against a land inhabited by vibrant people, who only seek their freedom, dignity, and independence.

The Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary is surprised by calls to abandon Court’s Jurisdictions. As the lack of consent of the perpetrator, the occupying power, does not mean that there is no case, nor does it mean that justice cannot be achieved.



The Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary recalls that Israeli occupation, rejects peace, and the existence of a Palestinian state, rejects the demarcation of borders, and refuses to recognize the presence of Palestinian people. this public Israeli stand, is expressed by ministers, parliamentarians, and Israeli officials. If Israel wants peace, it must first stop its massacres of civilians, and then recognize the State of Palestine. As for putting forward the idea of referring this issue to the UN Security Council, to face the American veto power (which also stood alone in the Security Council for days). This represents an attempt to divert efforts and attention, by sending the matter to an end with predetermined outcomes.

Therefore, the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Hungary looks forward to the Hungarian government taking a balanced position that upholds human values and is consistent with international law and international legitimacy, and to call on Israel to stop its massacres against the Palestinian people, to support peace and the legal calls to achieve justice for the victims of Israeli crime. peace and stability can only be achieved after Israel's recognition of the state of Palestine, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on its national soil, with Jerusalem as its capital.

End of statement.