



October 26, 2023

A Just Peace is Possible—And Urgently Necessary

A Statement in Light of the Events in Israel-Palestine Since October 7, 2023

Earlier this month, we released an initial statement on the events in Israel-Palestine given the attack on Israeli citizens. As a human rights organization, we will always uphold the value of human life, and abhor all forms of violence against innocent peoples. That said, we know that some felt anger towards the statement because it seemed like we were betraying the Palestinian plight in our repudiation of the violence caused to Israeli citizens. We apologize to followers and supporters of MPV who have felt pain by our stance because that is of course never our intent, rather we seek to uplift everyone. In the sixteen year long history of MPV, we have advocated for the human dignity of all people, and that includes that of the Palestinian people, and we will continue to do so. However, we are of the mind that as Muslims, we must be able to hold all human life as sacred, and this requires us to recognize pain on all sides of the equation. Therefore, MPV resolutely condemns the October 7 attack which resulted in the killing, torture, and kidnapping of Israeli civilians. We similarly condemn the subsequent indiscriminate bombing and starvation of Gaza by the state of Israel, the resulting deaths of numerous innocent Palestinians, and we call for an end to the occupation once for all. It is of utmost urgency that world leaders enact an immediate ceasefire, negotiate the release of Israeli hostages, deliver crucial humanitarian aid to Gaza, and find a peaceful, sustainable path forward.

Having said all that, we note the following:

- Peace and justice are our highest principles. We care more about the dignity and safety of human beings than about political rhetoric and grandstanding.
- Every incident involving gratuitous violence, or any kind of violence against a non-combatant goes against our faith, principles, and humanity.
- We disdain and reject every call for further violence and revenge killings, particularly from our own government.
- We demand that the governments of the United States, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Iran, as well as all other world powers prevent the worsening of the conditions for all human beings in the region—especially the residents of Gaza.
- A peaceful solution, a just peace is the only path forward. We demand that the State of Israel, our American government, and its partners and interlocutors, and



MUSLIMS FOR
PROGRESSIVE VALUES

international entities such as the United Nations, work towards ending the occupation of Palestinian land once and for all, and that all parties return in good faith to a peaceful process working towards a just and viable solution for the region, and for world peace.

In that vein, if you are in the United States, we urge you to send a message to your elected representatives by clicking this link:

<https://act.newmode.net/action/mpower-change/ceasefire-now-stop-genocide>

We also urge you to donate to the [Palestinian Children's Relief Fund](https://www.pcrf.net/) (https://www.pcrf.net/) that is assisting Palestinians on the ground.

Salaam, Shalom, Peace!

Muslims for Progressive Values.