

13th April 2023

His Excellency Antonio Guterres

The Secretary General of the United Nations

New York.

Excellency,

We on behalf of the Voice for Justice, a human rights organization, would like to demand your urgent intervention to ethnic cleansing unleashed by the Israeli government in the occupied territories. Last week hundreds of Israeli security forces carried out unprecedented raid in the city of Nablus and destroyed thousands of homes, shops and vehicles. What is happening in Palestine now is not a fight between the Palestinians and Jewish people, it is simply grabbing of land of the Palestinians. The provocation in the Al-Aksa mosque is a prelude to a larger conflict now pervaded to all over the occupied territories and beyond the border of Israel. In the holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims in Jerusalem were prevented entry into the Al-Aksa mosque by the Israeli Defense forces (IDF), the Muslims all over the world were infuriated. Now Israeli military began assaulting the persons engaged in prayer inside the mosque and many were killed outside. Last Friday the IDF led Jewish hardliners in groups inside the mosque with full protection. The purpose is to deny the Muslims access to their third holiest place of worship. The Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) has rightly claimed that only the Muslims have unfettered right to pray at the Al-Aksa mosque. Al-Aksa is neither a church nor a synagogue.

We strongly denounce the reckless, inhuman and murderous actions carried out by the IDF that caused widespread death, destruction and sufferings of the population in Gaza, West Bank and in East Jerusalem. We believe the lavish military and economic assistance provided by the United States transformed Israel into a monster who cares little about peace and justice. The utter failure of the international community to bring the murderous regimes in Israel to justice has enabled Israel to behave like a terrorist state and perpetuated large scale killings and destructions in the occupied territories with impunity.

We reiterate that we are not opposed to Israel's right of existence, but this right to exist is not in lieu of extermination of a race in Palestine. Since the Oslo Accord Israel has expanded settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem many folds and displaced thousands of

Palestinians. The displaced populations have lost land, homes and everything they possessed. This is worst form of apartheid. It must stop and stop now.

Excellency, we are urging you and through you the members of the Security Council to address the root cause of the crisis and restore peace in the region. Israel has been a threat to peace in the region and the United Nations must act to save the victims of Israel's unabated occupation. Palestinians have the right to live, Palestinians lives matter.

## Yours sincerely,

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