



The Palestinian Medical Relief Society sends out a distress call to the international community and implores all of those who believe in the sanctity of human life and international humanitarian law to stand up and continue to push for a ceasefire and passage for humanitarian aid to enter the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army continues its criminal siege after bombing communication towers leaving the people of Gaza in the dark whilst carrying out the heaviest attacks yet. The 2.3 million people of Gaza have been subjected to the most grotesque display of cruelty and terror since the 7th of October.

Before Gaza descended into total darkness last night the official death toll was close to 8,000, 3,200 of which were children alone. Further it is believed more than 2,000 are still stuck under the rubble, 1,000 of them are probably children. These figures will be higher, however as Israel is attempting to cover the egregious war crimes being committed, the lack of regular connectivity and heavy bombardment on civilians means we are unlikely to know the full extent of their crimes until a ceasefire occurs.

The UN general assembly had a majority vote of 120 countries voting yes to a ceasefire and provision of aid. However Israel continues to prove its flagrant disregard for human life and international law. As it has been for the last 75 years.

We fear for our 150 health workers whom we have not been able to establish a regular connection with. We fear for the people of Gaza who have already endured the unimaginable. Gaza is quickly turning from an open air prison into an open air grave. The humanitarian situation is beyond crisis point.

There is no such thing as safety in Gaza, as Israel continues to bomb homes, schools, hospitals, churches and other places civilians are taking shelter. The crimes in Gaza are war crimes and crimes against humanity. An immediate ceasefire is demanded. Unfettered access to humanitarian aid is demanded. Recognition of humanity and international law is demanded. Protection of healthcare workers and the press is demanded. Accountability for the perpetrators of these atrocities is demanded. Our demands are in line with the basic covenants of international law for the sake of both peoples.

PMRS implores the international community to recognise the Palestinian people's right to live and to act now to end the genocide in Gaza. We are simply asking for you to stand up for the rights you believe you yourself deserve and would hope others would fight for, if you found you and your family in our positions.