



PMRS Calls for an Immediate Ceasefire and Release of Humanitarian 20th October

The Palestinian Medical Relief Society calls for an immediate ceasefire. PMRS calls for unrestricted access for humanitarian aid to enter Gaza. PMRS calls for the protection of all vulnerable people, including women, children, youth, elderly, and people with disability.

PMRS calls for the protection of civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, medical clinics, schools, places of worship and any place people are taking shelter.

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic. Allowing the current humanitarian crisis to deteriorate is inhumane and a crime. The hospitals that have managed to remain functioning have now crumbled due to the pressure on the healthcare facilities due to the constant bombing and influx of patients. Many hospitals have run out of anesthetics, pain relief and sedation, and other essential medications and supplies. The surviving hospitals have been forced to conduct surgeries in corridors. Children are undergoing abdominal and bone surgery on hospital floors and without sedation. Many hospitals including Al Shifa and European Gaza Hospital have only a small well as their main source of water. Fuel is running out, which also will mean a cessation in healthcare services.

The threat of death by dehydration is now a reality, as Israel has cut off water and existing water supplies are now at less than 3L per family/day. Further, without electricity or fuel, there is no way desalination and other water pumps can function. Food has also become scarce and without refrigeration due to the lack of electricity, the food that exists within Gaza will not be able to be preserved.

Healthcare facilities and workers continue to be deliberately targeted by Israeli forces. Al Durrh Children's Hospital was forced to evacuate on the 14th due to being targeted by prohibited white phosphorous bombs. Also, on the 14th Al Al Ahli Baptist Hospital was bombed on the 17th instantly killing hundreds. The World Health Organization has reported more than 60 attacks on healthcare in Gaza since the 7th of October. These are violations of international humanitarian law and constitute war crimes.

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