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## Press Release

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Members of the global scientific community, deeply concerned and distressed at the tragic humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza, ever since October 7, wreaking death and destruction on a captive hapless population, have come together to urge the United Nations to adopt a resolute stance, call for an immediate ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, ensure unimpeded delivery of humanitarian supplies and medical assistance to Gaza, and initiate a political process aimed at achieving a sustainable resolution to the long-standing problem.

We are appending below the text of the open letter signed by more than 1100 scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and educationists and request you to give it wide publicity through your medium.

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## **Appeal to stop war and allow free entry of food, water, electricity, relief materials, and medical aid for the people of Gaza**

We, the scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and scholars worldwide, express our deep anguish at the colossal devastation and loss of life in Gaza. At critical junctures of history, like wars, etc., when science is misused and abused, scientists have not hesitated to come forward to protest and mobilize public opinion against wars and the devastation of people's lives. In a similar situation, we cannot be just bystanders to the massive human calamity that is currently brought down in Gaza with brute force.

While we roundly condemn the attack on the Israeli civilians and the capturing of civilian hostages by HAMAS, what Israel is doing in reprisal amounts to collective punishment and indiscriminate killing of the peaceful non-combatant residents of Gaza, among which nearly one-third are children. From October 7 to the 26th of October, 2023, Israeli air strikes killed over 6,500 people in Gaza, and almost 60% of them were women and children, according to the Ministry of Health in Gaza. Israeli air strikes have turned large swaths of land into rubble; even hospitals are not spared. Israel is openly calling for the displacement of millions of people without a safe haven. It has cut off electricity, fuel, water, and medical supplies to Gaza, violating all International Humanitarian Laws.

We urge the United Nations to take a strong and principled stand and take steps for an immediate ceasefire and allow free entry of relief materials and medical aid for the succour of the besieged and battered people of Gaza.

We appeal to all well-meaning, concerned people the world over to raise their voices of protest, to stand by the people of Gaza, and to raise their collective voice to compel the powers to ensure a lasting political solution to the problem and thus assure that the Israeli and Palestinian people can exist and co-exist in peace and harmony.

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