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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Genocide in the occupied Palestinian territories

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations

Considering the dreadful crimes recently committed in Gaza, we, the representatives of NGOs in Tehran, present the demands of non-governmental organizations and social activists to you.

Unfortunately, it is about a month we have witnessed violence and genocide in west Asia which is called Gaza, Palestine, and observing members of the United Nation, which has scratched and stained the spirit of the human community and the greatness of mankind. But there has been no decisive reaction from governments and claimants of human rights against war crimes and violation of the international laws by the non-committed policy makers.

With a superficial look at the 66-year old history of the region, we have witnessed bloodsheds and massacres such as the Black Friday, Deir-e-Kafar-Ghasem, Sabra and Shatila, Gaza, etc. which have remained a shameful blemish on the lap of mankind. War is always a catastrophe for all especially children, women, handicaps, the elderly, and basically civilians, and these groups suffer the most casualties and damages.

Mr. Secretary General,

The United Nations was established on the foundation of support to world peace and prevention of violence and in justice and the first article in the objectives and causes of the Charter is the maintenance of international peace and security through the provision of the grounds for reduction and solution of international disputes utilizing the approved peaceful and diplomatic procedures.

Philanthropic rights, war rights, or rights of hostility include a collection of conventional or common law rules and regulations a few of which we refer to:

1. conventions concerning support to war victims the most prominent of which are the four conventions of Geneva 1941;
2. paragraph 6, article 51 of the Convention;
3. Philanthropic conventions;
4. articles of association of the International Penal Court, ICC, (article 80;
5. provisions of paragraph 2, article 81;
6. article 7, provisions concerning the self-interested and spiteful aims at non-guilty individuals (siege, curfew, and illegal inspections,...)
7. amendments protocols 1977;
8. conventions regarding restriction of or ban on types of weapons such as chemical, biologic, and microbes;
9. conventions concerning guarding specific locations during hostilities such as religious, cultural, medical, and educational sites;
10. conventions regarding the responsibility of governments and individuals violating philanthropic human rights mainly those institutionalizing legal and penal systems for confronting war crimes and amendments of material and spiritual damages inflicted on governments and victims;

However, it unfortunate that most victims in these conflicts are children and women and the psychological calamities and disasters continue to long years after war. The last case of these repetitive violation of laws and regulations during this one-month period is the days and nights of fire and blood which extends from Nile to Euphrates especially Gaza and has put the conscience of humanity to shame and has been against the approved conventions of the United Nations.

Mr. Secretary General,

The statistics of the crimes committed before the truce are as follows:

1. 1800 dead %84 of whom civilians out of which 400 children have been identified. 10000 injured just %16 of whom have been military;

2. The destructions inflicted have been against the international laws: 17 hospitals have been attacked which has resulted in the closing of 10. Attacks with missiles on tens of ambulances, buses, and emergency vehicles;
3. Attack on the medical crew of 102 people resulting in 19 dead;
4. Direct attack on schools, mosques, and emergency agencies such as schools and centers of the United Nations;

Therefore, it is observed that Israel has openly violated the four conventions of Geneva and the related amendments and has disregarded the two fundamental principles of separation and proportion and has embarked on genocide and blindfolded and antihuman actions which could have dangerous consequences for the human community.

We, the NGOs and the social activists of Iran, express our aversion toward the governmental anti human and terrorist acts of Israel and demand the execution of the following operations:

1. stopping all attacks and any such action of invasion and massacre in future under vain pretexts;
2. unconditional removal of the siege on Gaza and immediate opening of all ways and border passages;
3. emphasis on the necessity of delivery of emergency assistance and help to the people of Gaza and requesting help from all specialized international organizations to send vital help;
4. prosecution of those responsible for the massacre of civilians, non-guilty children, and women, as war criminals;
5. Assignment of a fact-finding committee with the presence of peace-seeking and antiviolenace non-governmental organizations from all over the world;

We, the NGOs of Tehran condemn the antihuman measures of member nations of the United Nations and demand the action of a real court for the investigation of the crimes committed and the execution of justice.

Hoping to have a world full of justice

Respectfully Yours,
NGOs of Tehran
