## End Impunity and Dehumanisation: Palestinian Lives are Human Lives

Joint statement from feminist consortia







The latest total blockade of the Gaza Strip is but one in a long line over the last 75 years of the Israel/Palestine conflict. The people of Palestine have been fighting against violence and settler colonialism and forced displacement at the hands of the Israeli state for decades.

We cannot stay silent as we witness hundreds of Palestinians in Gaza being bombarded and killed everyday, whilst also enduring a complete stoppage of food, clean water and electricity supplies. Depriving over two million people of the basic means of survival is a serious breach of the Geneva Convention and a war crime.

We join our voices to those calling for an immediate end to sustained acts of violent retribution and indiscriminate massacre and ethnic cleansing of Palestinian people in Gaza.

In times of violent conflict, women and girls are too frequently disproportionately impacted. The UNFPA estimated that over 50,000 pregnant women currently reside in Gaza; they cannot access essential medical supplies nor safe reproductive health care. They cannot even find shelter from the unrelenting bombs.

We stand with the families and communities who are bravely calling out this violence for what it is—a genocide of the Palestinian people.

We call for the protection of Palestinian people and for a safe humanitarian corridor to be opened <u>now</u> that actually allows for urgently needed medical supplies, food, water, and fuel to be delivered.

We call for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the siege, and an end to the 56-year Israeli occupation, the longest military occupation in modern history.

We call for a free Palestine and for the recognition of Palestinian lives as human lives equally worthy of protection and deserving of dignity, security, peace, justice and liberation.

#StandWithPalestine #StopTheGenocide #FreePalestine #EndViolence #Decolonise