



A Statement by the Ministry of Women's Affairs

Today marks the 23rd anniversary since the historic passing of UN Resolution 1325, a supposed milestone in the global pursuit of women, peace, and security. This resolution, adopted on October 31, 2000, has symbolized a collective commitment to recognize the vital role of women in conflict resolution and peacebuilding, and to ensure their protection in times of war.

In the context of the recent genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, the harsh reality is that UN Resolution 1325 has fallen short in providing adequate protection and support for Palestinian women. Despite the promises of prevention, protection, relief, and recovery, Gaza's women continue to face the harshest impacts of violence, with 75% of the injured and martyred being women and children, and over 900 women who have assumed the role of household heads due to the loss of their male partners.

In light of recent aggressions, the international community's inaction was conspicuous, leaving Gazan women in dire need of the very protection that Resolution 1325 was designed to ensure. Young girls, full of innocence, have had their childhoods stolen as they either witness the horrors of war leaving them with scarred and traumatized future, or are targeted and slaughtered, robbing them of their childhood. Tragically, more than 50,000 expectant mothers in Gaza, whose hearts should be filled with the anticipation of new life and the promise of a joyful future, face a dire reality. These women are denied access to essential maternal healthcare, and over 5,000 of them must endure childbirth in perilous conditions within the next month due to the destruction of hospitals, medical equipment, and the infrastructure necessary for safe deliveries.



The consequences are upsetting, with unborn infants perishing in their mothers' wombs as pregnant women become the targets of bombings. Heartbreakingly, there are accounts of an infant being delivered from his lifeless mother's womb, and hundreds of newborns in the incubators are on the brink of death as dwindling fuel supplies threaten to disconnect life-sustaining equipment. These innocent children are robbed of the opportunity to experience the gift of life before they are even born.

The voices of Gazan women often go unheard, and their stories remain untold. The failure to provide adequate protection and justice for Palestinian women serves as a stark reminder that the principles enshrined in this resolution are not yet realized for all.

This resolution, even though, it was a binding resolution adopted by the Security Council, the UN must hold Israeli Occupying Power, accountable for all the war crimes that have been committed and its' violation of UN Resolution 1325.

In light of the above, the Ministry of Women's Affairs calls for an immediate ceasefire, a stop for the ongoing aggression against the Palestinian people, establish a humanitarian corridor, end the forced displacement of the Palestinians and the Israeli occupation.

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