

Statement from American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) on the Intolerable Conditions of Gaza and Attacks on Aid Workers in Palestine

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American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) stands deeply troubled by the renewed hostilities and the mounting toll of destruction, violence, and human suffering in Palestine—particularly in Gaza. AMHP's members are especially appalled by escalating attacks on aid workers, who risk their lives daily to serve civilians trapped in conflict. Such assaults on medical personnel, humanitarian convoys, and healthcare facilities violate international humanitarian law and defy the fundamental principles of compassion, mercy, and respect for human dignity that guide our profession.

“Gaza is a killing field,” said United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, condemning Israel's blockade of food and medical supplies, which he deemed **“intolerable in the eyes of international law.”** Amnesty International has described conditions in Gaza as **“hell on earth,”** underscoring the catastrophic humanitarian crisis gripping the region.

Below are the core values and imperatives that AMHP believes must guide all stakeholders in this conflict:

- **Human Dignity Is Paramount**
Every individual—regardless of identity—deserves to live free from harm or persecution. The deliberate targeting of civilians and the obstruction of vital resources, such as food, water, and medical supplies, are morally indefensible.
- **Healthcare Is a Sacred Duty**
Attacks on ambulances, clinics, and health providers contravene international legal norms. All parties must ensure that medical personnel and facilities remain protected spaces where human life is preserved.
- **Lasting Peace Rests on Justice and Accountability**
Investigations into allegations of war crimes and illegal blockades must be transparent and impartial. Those responsible for attacks on aid workers and civilians must be held accountable, laying the groundwork for a future free from impunity.

American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) calls on all stakeholders to heed the Secretary-General's appeal for respect under international law and to recognize Amnesty International's alarm over Gaza's “hell on earth.” Every moment of inaction deepens the humanitarian catastrophe facing millions of innocent people. The American Muslim Health

Professionals stand in solidarity with our colleagues on the ground, the broader health community, and every individual advocating for the universal right to live in peace and dignity.

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