

Press Statement

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We, the Muslim institutions listed below, unequivocally condemn the Israeli Government's ongoing onslaught against the people of Palestine, their infrastructure and their places of worship.

The Israeli atrocities are a clear violation of international law. In Gaza, they must be seen in the context of 15 years of siege, which is the most prolonged siege in modern history. As of 19 May, Israel has already killed 219 Palestinians, including 63 children and 36 women. They have also injured over 1500 Palestinians.

The Israeli siege and attacks in Gaza have destroyed Palestinian infrastructure. The 2 million people in Gaza are denied the right to: freedom of movement, medical treatment, education, clean water, food, fuel and electricity.

We also condemn the attacks and desecration by the Israeli Military of the sacred compound of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. It is unacceptable that the Israeli Military violates the Holy sacred place of Al-Aqsa and attack peaceful worshippers.

Further, according to international bodies and the British Government, Israel is regarded as a colonialist occupying power of Palestine. Israel is changing the demography of Palestine by illegally building Jewish only settlements. The settlements violate UN Security Council Resolution 2334, which states; Israel's settlement activity constitutes a "flagrant violation" of international law and has "no legal validity". It demands that Israel stop such activity and fulfil its obligations as an occupying power under the Fourth Geneva Convention. Additionally a recent Human Rights Watch report concluded Israeli Government actions to constitute crimes of apartheid.

We are calling for:

1] The Scottish Government imposes an embargo of military equipment, intelligence technology and security information from companies based in Scotland to Israel.

2] The British Government to impose full economic sanctions on Israel.

Edinburgh Central Mosque

Edinburgh Annandale Mosque

Balgreen Mosque & Turkish Community Centre

Edinburgh Blackhall Mosque

Roxburgh Street Mosque

Mohiuddin Jamia Masjid and Education Centre Edinburgh

MMCC Bonnyrigg Mosque

Polwarth Mosque

Portobello Mosque

Muslim Welfare House, Edinburgh

Shahjalal Mosque, Edinburgh

Iqra Academy Edinburgh

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