

The Collapse of Human Rights at the Hands of their Founders

Israel's massacres and genocide crimes have not only led to numerous casualties and to the destruction of buildings and infrastructure in Gaza, but they also resulted in the collapse of everything that the international community has built since the issuance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to ensure freedom, equality and dignity for all human beings.

The human rights system collapsed at the hands of its founders, and the international community has been severely put to the test.

We came here today to express our solidarity and full bias towards the right of the Palestinian people in their struggle for their legitimate rights to restore their “usurped” lands, establish their independent state on the land of Palestine, and achieve the return of the “forcibly” displaced refugees to their homes.

We hold the international community responsible for not intervening to stop the genocide committed by the Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian people amidst international silence and disavowal, and a general Arab helplessness in the face of the brutal Israeli occupation. We also hold it responsible for prolonging the suffering of the Palestinian people due to its failure to take action and put serious pressure to deter Israel.

We stand here in full solidarity with the people of Palestine who are facing an unprecedented brutal genocide never witnessed before in contemporary history, as well as with the women of Palestine, who are subjected, in addition to mass massacres, to a campaign of arrests in various regions of the occupied Palestinian territory. We demand that all those responsible for these violations be brought to justice and that the rights of girls and women be protected in all circumstances, including in times of conflict and occupation.

We also call for an urgent international investigation and the activation of international mechanisms in response to the reported testimonies regarding the



abuse and threats of sexual and physical violence against female prisoners by the Zionist occupation forces.

We stand together in unwavering solidarity with Palestinian girls and women and all victims of violations, and call for the respect of human dignity and fundamental rights of everyone, everywhere and at any time.

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