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Dear friends and activists,

Save Our Families... Join the Struggle for Freedom

The Israel occupation forces is continuing its brutal and immoral offensive war on Gaza for the 15th consecutive day, and have continued the policy of collective punishment in disregard for the international law and humanitarian law, which ensure the protection for civilians in times of war, and in violation of the principles of necessity, proportionality and distinction. Israeli forces have continued their aerial, ground and sea attacks throughout the Gaza Strip, causing more civilian casualties and damaging civilian facilities, including houses and mosques.

The Israeli occupation has now killed 509 Palestinians, and wounded 3,150. Among the overnight fatalities - at least 9 members of the Syam family in Rafah, when their family house was hit (the dead include a 12-y-o, 8-y-o, and a baby). Which means that yesterday's health ministry figure of 112 dead children is already out of date.



Photo by REUTERS/Mohammed Salem, , July 20, 2014

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Too many horror stories to mention - but it is clear that men, women and children were cut down in their homes and in the streets by intense and indiscriminatory Israeli shelling. Hospitals are overwhelmed. According to UN OCHA, 43% of Gaza's territory is affected by Israeli military evacuation warnings or declarations of 'no go areas'. UN OCHA's last update also reported that 72-80% of overall Palestinian deaths are civilians.



(Reuters / Majdi Fathi)

Around 100,000 Palestinians were displaced, including 84,000 hosted at 61 UNRWA schools. 43% of Gaza's territory is affected by evacuation warnings or declaration of 'no-go zones'. At least 900,000 people are without water supply due to inability to repair infrastructure.



July 16, 2014. REUTERS/Mohammed Salem

16th of July: In disregard for the lives of children, Israeli forces killed 4 Palestinian children while they were playing on the beach in Gaza City, Ahed Bakr, 10, Zakaria Bakr, 10, Mohd Bakr, 11, and Ismail Bakr, 9.

<http://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2014/07/17/568538.html>



“I want my father, bring me my father!”

This photo of a boy injured in an Israeli strike clinging to a medic at al-Shifa hospital went viral on the Internet. ([Ezz al-Zanoun](#) / [APA images](#))

Last night the 20th of July, UAWC’s team witnessed the loss of six members of the family of its colleague Saad Ziada , due to an Israeli rocket that hit their house; our dearest Saad wrote on the night of the loss of his beloved ones, July 20th 2014:

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“We belong to this dear homeland Palestine on the path of victory and liberation ... My family is a refugee family who was displaced from AlFaluja...I send to heaven six members of my family who sacrificed their lives for this land:

- My Dear mom "Um Jamil"
- My big brother Jamil, "Abu Shaaban"
- My big brother's spouse "Um Shaaban"
- My nephew, "Shaaban"
- My brother Yousef "Abu Wadih"
- My younger brother Omar "Abu Abdullah"

To the immortal heaven and we are inevitably victorious”

Thousands of horror stories are still to be heard, remember that while you are reading this letter, more and more Palestinians are being murdered. UAWC urgently calls upon:

- Breaking the international community's silence and act immediately to protect the Palestinian people
- International and national social movements and activists to start an effective pressure on Israel to ensure respect for international law and treaties, including the Fourth Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Times of War.
- The international community and human rights organizations to intensify their actions to stop the Israeli offensive on Palestinian civilians.
- The international community to take immediate action to bring the Israeli perpetrators to international justice and call for an end of the ongoing occupation.

TAKE ACTION NOW...