



CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON VIOLATIONS AND PROVOCATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) considered with gravest concern recent developments and the dangerous deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. NAM condemns in the strongest terms the acts of aggression by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian civilian population, including attacks by Israeli occupying forces on Palestinian worshippers at Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem, that have wounded hundreds of people over recent days, many of whom are in critical condition, and the launching on 10 May of an Israeli military aggression against the Gaza Strip that has killed at least 27 Palestinians, including 9 children and one woman, and wounded dozens of civilians.
2. NAM strongly cautions that such provocative, illegal actions will further aggravate already-high tensions, with far-reaching de-stabilization and repercussions. The Movement demands an immediate halt to this military aggression and to all acts of violence, provocation and incitement, including by extremist Israeli settlers, and calls for scrupulous respect by Israel, the occupying Power, of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.
3. NAM calls upon the Security Council to uphold its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security and to act urgently to de-escalate this volatile situation, to demand a cessation of the violence and all illegal actions and provocations, and to ensure respect for international law and the Council's relevant resolutions, including resolution 2334 (2016) and all resolutions concerning Jerusalem.
4. NAM reiterates the demand for the cessation of all Israeli policies and measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character, identity and legal status of the City of Jerusalem. In this regard, the Movement expresses its grave concern about plans for the imminent eviction and forced displacement of Palestinian families from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighborhoods of occupied East Jerusalem. The Movement notes with alarm United Nations reports that at least 218 Palestinian homes, comprising 970 people, including 424 children, have eviction cases currently pending in Israeli courts, in addition to thousands more homes that are under threat of demolition, as reported by the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and various human rights groups, and demands a halt to all these illegal and coercive actions against the Palestinian civilian population.



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5. NAM deploras all breaches of international law and provocations in the City, and stresses that such actions, including all Israeli settlement activities and annexation measures, constitute flagrant violations of international law, have no legal validity and must be immediately and completely halted, as repeatedly determined and demanded by the United Nations Security Council. The Movement further calls on Israel, the occupying Power, to respect the sanctity of the holy sites in Jerusalem and the historic and legal status quo at Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif.
6. NAM reaffirms all Security Council and General Assembly resolutions relating to Jerusalem and confirming that it is an integral part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The Movement recalls Security Council resolution 2334 (2016), in which, *inter alia*, the Council underlined that it “*will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations*”, and called on all States “*to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israeli and the territories occupied since 1967*”. In this regard, NAM stresses the need for measures of accountability and underscores the General Assembly’s call, in resolution 75/97 (2020), “*upon all States, consistent with their obligations under international law and the relevant resolutions, not to recognize, and not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by measures that are illegal under international law, including those aimed at advancing annexation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967*”.
7. NAM stresses once again that respect for the Charter, international law and UN resolutions constitutes the foundation for a just solution of the Palestine question, the cornerstone for regional and global peace and security. The Movement reiterates its calls upon the international community to exert all necessary efforts to promote the realization of a just, lasting and peaceful solution based on the internationally-endorsed parameters enshrined in the relevant UN resolutions, and stands ready to engage with and support initiatives on this basis. The international community must translate its longstanding principled positions and commitments into urgent action.
8. NAM reiterates its calls for an end to the illegal Israeli occupation and the restoration of justice and rights to the Palestinian people. The Movement reaffirms its strong support and solidarity with the just cause of Palestine and its commitment to continue supporting the Palestinian people in their quest to achieve their inalienable rights and legitimate national aspirations, including their right to self-determination, freedom and independence in their State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, which is vital for the establishment of a just, comprehensive and sustainable peace.

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