

Lebanon's Feminist Civil Society Platform

Statement of solidarity issued by the feminist civil society platform in Lebanon with the Lebanese and Palestinians in the face of Israeli aggression.

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The below is a statement of solidarity issued by the feminist civil society platform in Lebanon with the Lebanese and Palestinians in the face of Israeli aggression.

The feminist civil society platform in Lebanon expresses its concern about what is happening in the region and condemns and denounces the attacks and massacres committed against innocent people in Lebanon and Palestine.

At a time when the corridors of the Security Council and the United Nations are full of delegations and meetings in order to calm the situation in Lebanon and the region, we see the Israeli enemy, in full view of the whole world, continuing to kill civilians, including children, women, and the elderly. Israel has proven that it operates as a terrorist organization and an enemy that does not abide by any rules and decisions. International and non-international treaties are disregarded by the Israeli enemy, even the rules of engagement no longer exist, and thus it violates international human law and Geneva Treaties especially in its articles related to the protection of women and children during wars.

We are aware of the suffering of civilians, including children, women, and the elderly, in the event of Israeli attacks on the south, Beirut, and other Lebanese regions, and we are concerned in the platform that we find Israel carrying out the same scenario and war of annihilation that it has undertaken and is continuing to carry out in Gaza, and we endeavor to work to defuse the war. Thousands and thousands of innocent people will fall victim of these aggressions, We must take immediate action to prevent Israel from committing more massacres against civilians in order to establish security and safety in the region, and we must resort to international resolutions and treaties that all parties must abide by, because the situation in the region is accelerating frighteningly and we see the entire region on the verge of a major war. This war, whose arena will not only be Lebanon, but will turn into regional or larger than that.

The key to peace and security in the region is to find a just and comprehensive solution for all parties, to have a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, and to solve the refugee issue through implementing international and Arab treaties and agreements.

Accordingly, the Feminist Civil Society Platform demands:

1. To defuse the war in Lebanon and the region and immediately stop the Israeli aggressions: through the active implementation of international laws and treaties and intensifying diplomatic pressure on major countries to take immediate steps to stop hostilities in a way that ensures the protection of the rights of women and vulnerable groups.
2. To ensure the protection of civilians, including women, children, and the elderly: Launching a campaign to reject the crimes committed by Israel against civilians, and working with international and regional organizations to urge member states to take urgent measures to spare women and children the scourge of war and ensure their protection.
3. To ensure an emergency response to displaced persons and migrants: Organizing pressure and communication campaigns with international and local bodies to provide shelter, food, and medical aid to displaced persons and ensure respect for their human rights in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the two international covenants, and the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.
4. To ensure the provision of proper health care for victims of the conflict in Lebanon: Strengthening efforts to provide specialized medical care for the injured, especially women and children who have suffered injuries that may lead to permanent disabilities and working to include these issues on the national and international agenda to ensure sufficient funding for their care.
5. To immediately stop transferring weapons and supporting Israel: Continued support for Israel in its aggression and transfer of weapons and ammunition to it constitutes a serious violation of human rights and international humanitarian law, and constitutes complicity in international crimes, including involvement in ongoing acts of genocide.

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