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"We are all Gaza"

Statement by Palestine General Federation of Trade Union

Ever since the signature of the peace accord in Oslo, the PGFTU has declared its support for the peace process which is based on the international legitimacy resolutions and on the Palestinian principles which entail the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the national soil with Jerusalem as its capital and ensure the refugees' right of return.

The PGFTU has worked on all levels in full capacity and used its international relations to mobilize the international advocacy for the peace process and for ending the Israeli occupation of all the Palestinian and Arab territories; the longest and most repellent occupation in the modern age.

Despite all these trade union efforts which have been led by the PGFTU for all these years, these endeavors have always been encountered by the Israeli army terrorism against our people.

Since 2000, the Israeli occupation army has been slaughtering and killing thousands living creature on this land, needless to mention the destruction of the infrastructure and the headquarters of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), confiscation of lands, expanding their settlements...etc. The last violation was the construction of the "racial segregation wall" which is live evidence of the Israeli barbarianism against the Palestinian people and their legitimate right.

In this context, we would like to bring to the minds of the peace activists in the world the memory of the destruction of the Palestinian presidential headquarters in Ramallah and the assassination of the Palestinian pro-peace leader, President Yasser Arafat, who was poisoned to put an end for all the efforts which were exerted to achieve the comprehensive and just peace.

The current criminal offensive by the Israeli army on Gaza is only an episode in the series of murders and massacres committed by Israel (the occupation state) against the Palestinian people; such incidents are considered war crimes according to the international humanitarian laws and Geneva Conventions.



Hence, the PGFTU hopes to achieve the following objectives:

- I. Asking the international community to take on responsibility and practice pressure on the "Occupation State" to stop its criminal attack on Gaza; the UN and the Security Council must assume responsibility in this crisis.
- II. Inviting all the Palestinian entities, organizations and factions, namely the members of the Palestinian National Liberation Movement "Fateh" and the members of "Hamass" to get united under the framework of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) to end the state of fragmentation and division and to defend our people against the barbarian Israeli aggression.
- III. Demanding the Arab, fraternal and friendly countries to continue their support for the PNA and the Palestinian people, especially in Gaza, through an international solidarity campaign.
- IV. Demanding the Arab and international trade union federations and organizations to practice pressure on the Israeli occupation state to ceasefire, and we demand them to send humanitarian aids, namely after the medications and foodstuffs have run out, and to reconstruct what the Israeli war machine has destroyed.
- V. Demanding the international community to assume its responsibility and practice pressure on the occupation state to ceasefire on Gaza. The Security Council and the UN must take serious steps in this critical stage.
- VI. Inviting the Palestinians to strengthen and fortify the internal front and enhance the national fabric which is based on the unity of the Palestinian position, as the occupation is the only contradiction for the entire Palestinian people.

The PGFTU, through its national, Arab and international relations, shall save no effort to broaden the network of solidarity with our just national issues to defeat the occupation and establish our independent Palestinian state.

Fraternal Greetings,
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