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Bombing hospitals is the most heinous war crime in the aggression on Gaza

The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) bombed the Baptist Hospital, already crowded with wounded and refugees, resulting in the killing of more than 1000 and injuring 600 with serious injuries. This horrific crime is an ugly message by the Israeli occupation confirming that it pay no respect to human life nor to the international law and the humanitarian agreements.

It is worth mentioning that the international community, its organisations and bodies have watched in disgraceful silence the threats and bombing of hospitals and civilians without taking any action and without defying lies of the international media outlets which criminalised victims and supported the criminal.

Eyewitnesses confirmed that the occupation used new missiles that disintegrate into hundreds of fragments as it turned the bodies into little pieces. An eyewitness said "we hardly ever find a whole body among the dead."

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) warns of the consequences of allowing this aggression or letting it happen again, especially since the occupation threatened 4 other hospitals of facing the same tragic fate. Crossings are closed and all supplies have been cut off from the whole Gaza Strip, resulting in an existential threat to Gaza.

Furthermore, allowing such crimes threatens the entire region's peace and security. Injustice fuels violence and perpetrators of these crimes, whether politically, materially or militarily, will reap the sorrow of these injustice unless they denounce it, prevent its recurrence, work on finding solutions based on the provisions of international law, and hold criminals accountable.

AOHR UK denounces the inability of the international community in prosecuting the war criminals, including leaders of the occupation, and implementing the resolutions issued by the UN Security Council. The current situation shows a blatant breach of all international laws and human values, in a way that leaves the oppressed people around the world lose their trust in the international community's slogans of working to achieve global peace and security.

AOHR UK calls on all political parties, human rights organisations and the media outlets to exert all pressure on the countries of the world to summon the occupation's ambassadors, issue official statements condemning the crimes of the Israeli occupation, expel the ambassadors, close embassies, impose economic sanctions, and prosecute the leaders of the occupation criminally and internationally. These bodies and institutions must also exert pressure on the countries that provide direct financial support for the occupation or political cover for its crimes.

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