



Statement on the Latest “Israeli” Attacks on Lebanese Civilians

On Monday morning, “Israeli” warplanes launched more than 400 raids on villages and towns in southern Lebanon, killing more than 492 people including 21 children and 31 women and wounding 1645 others. An unprecedented toll in a single day since the start of the fighting about a year ago.

Over the last few days, the extremist Tel Aviv government committed a horrific massacre by blowing up communication devices (pagers) and wireless devices in a flagrant violation of international law and the Geneva Conventions. This terrorist act led to the killing of 39 people, including children and women, and the injury of 4,000 people. The barbaric bombing of the southern suburbs of Beirut last Friday also resulted in the death of 31 people and the injury of dozens.

Since October 7, Israel, with full U.S support, has continued war of extermination on the Gaza Strip, leaving more than 137,000 Palestinian killed and wounded, most of them children and women, and more than 10,000 missing, amidst massive destruction and deadly famine.

The repeated Israeli attacks on Lebanon constitute a clear violation of all international humanitarian norms, laws and conventions, especially those related to the necessity of sparing civilians the scourge of war. The insistence of the far-right Netanyahu government on escalation increasingly leads to the risk of things slipping into a large-scale regional war that will cause unprecedented destruction to Lebanon's infrastructure and huge human and economic losses. The expansion of the war as a result of the repeated Zionist attacks will exacerbate the suffering of hundreds of thousands of refugees who have been already suffering from extremely difficult humanitarian conditions for years.

Accordingly, the Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development:

1. Condemns the “Israeli” attacks on Lebanon and the indiscriminate targeting of civilians and the targeting of cities and towns in southern Lebanon on a large scale.
2. Calls on the international community and world human rights organizations to pressure the Tel Aviv government to immediately stop the aggression on Gaza and Lebanon and stop targeting defenseless civilians, and to abide by international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions.
3. Calls on international and local civil society organizations to prepare an emergency plan to confront the danger of the expansion of the war and alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable groups, especially refugees, displaced persons and victims of the escalating “Israeli” attacks on villages, towns and camps in the south.

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