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Statement by Women Living Under Muslim Laws on the Current Genocide and Violence in Gaza, Palestine

Observing the daily bombings, forced starvation, and targeting of innocent Palestinian people rattles our hearts and calls on our collective humanity. When did the promise of “Never again” disappear from the hearts and minds of Western politicians? The conscience of the world will not forget the unimaginable suffering caused by Israel’s collective punishment directed at the men, women, and children of Gaza, Palestine.

Israel’s relentless bombardment and violence has transformed Gaza into a scene of harrowing loss and devastation. Innocent men, women, and children, seeking only peace and dignity, are caught in a conflict that has claimed countless lives and left many more in desperate need of aid. Hospitals overflow, schools are in ruins, and homes lie in shambles, painting a picture of despair that the world cannot ignore. The accumulative effects of Israel’s war on Gaza could mean the true death toll could reach more than 186,000 people, according to a study published in the journal Lancet.

The recent advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has decisively rejected Israel’s legal justifications for its occupation of Palestinian territories. The ICJ has condemned Israel’s claims that the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza are merely "disputed" rather than occupied and emphasized that Israel’s occupation and settlement activities are violations of international law. While ICJ does not have a way to enforce the ruling and has to rely on other states to do so, nonetheless, it highlights the global consensus on the illegality of Israel’s actions, not to mention the inhumanity of it, and demands political accountability.

The suffering of the Gazan people is a stark violation of their human rights, with civilians bearing the brunt of the conflict. Women and children, disproportionately affected by crises, endure compounded horrors of displacement and loss, while children are robbed of their futures. The horror is well captured by the shocking finding by the Slow Factory that there are currently more child amputees in Gaza than anywhere else on Earth, across time and space.

The prejudiced narratives distorting the reality of the Palestinian struggle only perpetuate the cycle of violence and injustice. It has led to the disturbing rise in global Islamophobia and fuels indifference and misunderstanding toward the suffering of Muslim communities. We condemn colonial attempts to dehumanize or marginalize the Palestinian struggle.

We support the ICJ’s verdict and urge the international community to take decisive action. We call for an immediate ceasefire, the right to return for displaced Palestinians, the provision of humanitarian aid, and the recognition of Palestinian sovereignty.

With deepest sympathy and resolve,

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