



## Support an immediate ceasefire by all parties in the occupied Gaza Strip and Israel

***Summary: We are witnessing horror unfolding on an unimaginable scale in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Write to the Prime Minister with an urgent call for Canada to support an immediate and sustained ceasefire by all parties in the occupied Gaza Strip. A ceasefire is currently the only feasible step to prevent further loss of civilian lives, ensure access to life-saving aid for people in Gaza, and facilitate the release of all civilian hostages.***

An unprecedented humanitarian disaster is unfolding with civilians at risk and in need of immediate aid. Since the horrific attacks in southern Israel on October 7, in which Hamas and other armed groups killed at least 1,400 people and took over 200 hostages, Israeli forces have launched thousands of air and ground strikes on the Gaza Strip. The ground offensive now underway by Israeli forces is having catastrophic consequences for civilians in Gaza. Forces have pulverized street after street of residential buildings killing civilians on a mass scale and destroying essential infrastructure. These attacks have killed more than 15,000 people, mostly civilians, including at least 5,400 children, according to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. More than 41,000 have been injured and over 2,000 bodies are still trapped beneath the rubble. Since the start of the fighting, more than 1.87 million of Gaza's 2.2 million residents have been internally displaced – some of them multiple times.

Gaza is fast running out of water, medicine, fuel, and electricity. The health sector is under severe strain and facing critical shortages. An immediate ceasefire would give hospitals an opportunity to receive life-saving medicines, water, and equipment as well as to repair damaged wards they need to treat the wounded.

An immediate ceasefire is the most effective way to protect civilians, prevent further civilian deaths by safely delivering aid, and facilitate the release of all hostages.

The call for a ceasefire is widely embraced by the United Nations, civil society and human rights experts including the Special Rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, the UN agencies working in Palestine, numerous UN special procedures, the UN Secretary General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights who recently concluded a visit to Canada.

### **TAKE ACTION: Call on Canada to support a sustained ceasefire by all parties**

Please write letters calling on Canada to support the call for an immediate and sustained ceasefire by all parties in the occupied Gaza Strip and Israel. Further call for a comprehensive arms embargo on all parties to the conflict in light of the ongoing serious violations amounting to crimes under international law.

#### **Write to:**

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

[name of your member of Parliament]  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

*Note: no postage is required on letters to the House of Commons*

#### **What else you can do:**

If your Member of Parliament already supports the call for a ceasefire, please consider writing to other elected leaders such as your MPP, MLA or mayor.

#### **Please send any replies you receive to:**

Amnesty International Canada  
312 Laurier Avenue East  
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