

## **Amel Association calls for an immediate cessation of the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in Gaza**

Amel Association, a member of the Lebanese NGO Network, wants to express its support and solidarity towards the inhabitants of Gaza strip and calls for the mobilization of the international community and the Civil Society to denounce the war crimes committed by the State of Israel.

After five days of the devastating operation "Cast Lead", the bombings have killed more than 370 and injured 1700, amongst them women and children, all of this while the inhabitants of Gaza are deprived from basic needs such as water, food, medicine and electricity...

The statements of the Israeli authorities maintaining that the bombings only target fighters are just a manipulation of politics and Media. The bombs constantly falling on Gaza are the result of a long colonization and apartheid policy. Amel also condemns the censorship practiced by the Israeli authorities forbidding journalists to enter Gaza.

Amel calls for the international community to:

- Stop the massacres against civilians
- Bring the siege to an end
- Protect the Palestinian population
- Convict Israel and adopt immediate disciplinary measures
- Relaunch the peace process

Also, Amel launches an appeal for solidarity for Gaza and is about to take the following actions:

- The opening of a bank account. All the gathered money will then be used to buy medical and first needed supplies.
- The collect of medical supplies.

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Moreover, Amel will organize protests in front of the United Nations, the European commission and the Arab University buildings to provoke the appropriate reaction from the international community. Dates and places will be communicated at a later time.