

## **A Memorandum from the Civil Society Organizations Follow up Committee in Lebanon to President of the International Committee of Red Cross- Geneva.**

### **Via Head of the International Committee of Red Cross delegation- Lebanon**

Palestinians in Gaza have been facing the most aggressive and inhuman attacks which lead to more than 770 martyrs and above 3000 wounded. These Military actions also targeted civilian infrastructures such as homes, mosques, educational institutions, as well as medical and relief teams and centers. It also causes to a short in food and medical supplies. According to UN reports third of the casualties were children (257 child were killed and more than 1080 wounded), Which contradict Israel's justification for its military attacks which has been described as "a war against terrorism".

One million and a half, have been facing this tragedy, most of them were civilians suffering from occupation and have been resisting this occupation which made their situation applied under the fourth Geneva Convention.

The support of the International Community and the global public opinion that are acting as spectators "in front of the brutal fact that Israel State has brought to the people of Gaza".

The International Community have been supporting these military actions against civilians by justifying Israel crimes, which made them become a party by providing legitimacy to Israel aggression, this position has also allowed the continuation of the military operations. Harming the rights and international conventions at the mercy of political manipulation, and perpetuated the continuation of applying double standards to the Palestinian people, their human and national rights for independence and self-determination, and their right to build their own independent state. This position attitude helped Israel to continue for 14 days with its aggressive attacks.

Nations and civil society movements around the world have been lobbying and pushing their governments to stop the masscures in Gaza, this public opinion made a presurre on the international community to take its responsibility of the situation in Gaza.

Today, with the International Security council resolution number 1860 which demands an immediate, durable and fully respected cease-fire," which it said should lead to the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Gaza. The resolution, which passed 14-0 with the U.S. abstaining, also called for unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance to Gaza, and efforts, which weren't specified, to stop arms trafficking into the Gaza Strip. This resolution will be added to several resolutions that Israel never respect or applied before.

The Follow up Committee of Civil Society Organizations in Lebanon, which has experienced the brutality of the Israeli attacks on Lebanon and its people in 2006, expresses its concern for the support of the International Community, which encourage these attacks to sustain for 14 days and made Gaza people suffer from butcherly experience.

The Follow up Committee of Civil Society Organizations in Lebanon demands the International Committee for Red Cross to submit its concrete recommendations to help with the following:

- Press on Israel to adhere the cease-fire resolution and open the crossings permanently, and provide International guarantees not to attack Gaza again.
- Demand Israel to open the crossings permanently and allow the passage of fuel, food and medication supplies.

- Demand for urgent independent investigations for the violation made by Israel for the International law and fourth Geneva Convention against Palestinian civilians in Gaza.
- Claim charges of war crimes against Israel, where perpetrators must be brought to justice, and victims and their families must receive reparations.
- Establish and guarantee humanitarian corridors for the provision of urgent humanitarian assistance to civilians affected, and provide a safe passage for humanitarian workers.