



**MEDIA STATEMENT  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SUHAKAM)**

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**PRESS STATEMENT**

**KUALA LUMPUR (13 JUNE 2024)** — SUHAKAM is deeply concerned about the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, which has been described as "beyond catastrophic" by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, during his recent visit to Malaysia. The United States (US) must move beyond rhetoric's and ensure that Israel fully complies unconditionally with the recent United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2735 (2024) on 10 June 2024.

The US must not only exercise its veto to derail their recognition but also stop providing arms which are being used to kill the women and children in Gaza. A ceasefire must be followed by a comprehensive reconstruction plan to restore Gaza and make it liveable again. The international community, in collaboration with local authorities, must prioritize rebuilding homes, hospitals, schools, and infrastructure. Ensuring access to basic necessities such as clean water, food, and medical care is paramount.

SUHAKAM call for the safe and voluntary return of displaced Palestinians to their homes. Displacement has caused immense hardship and disrupted countless lives. Efforts must be made to facilitate their return and reintegration into their communities, providing them with the support needed to rebuild their lives.

SUHAKAM also urges on all parties involved to immediately cease hostilities and engage in constructive dialogue to seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict. It is imperative that international humanitarian law is upheld and that all necessary measures are taken to protect the lives and rights of civilians. The ongoing conflict has resulted in severe human suffering, widespread destruction, and an urgent need for international intervention.

The escalating violence has led to a significant loss of lives, including many innocent civilians, and has exacerbated an already critical humanitarian crisis. The destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, and infrastructure has left countless individuals and families without access to basic necessities such as food, clean water, and medical care.

The ongoing occupation and discriminatory policies must end. An apartheid regime violates fundamental human rights and perpetuates inequality and injustice. The international community must take decisive action to dismantle these oppressive structures and ensure equal rights for all.

SUHAKAM fully supports Volker Türk's call for accountability and the end of impunity in Gaza and the West Bank. We urge all parties involved to respect international humanitarian law and prioritize the protection of civilian lives. The humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the deteriorating situation in the West Bank demand immediate and coordinated action from the global community.



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We urge the Malaysian government to continue its efforts in providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza and to work closely with international organizations and other nations to ensure the delivery of aid and support to those in need. Additionally, SUHAKAM encourages the global community to increase their efforts in addressing the root causes of the conflict and to support initiatives aimed at achieving a lasting peace in the region.

In such times, SUHAKAM stands in solidarity with the people of Gaza and reaffirms its commitment to promoting and protecting human rights for all. We extend our deepest condolences to the victims and their families and call for urgent and coordinated action to alleviate the suffering of the affected population.

Finally, SUHAKAM urges the international community to hold Israel accountable for its genocidal actions, in line with the case initiated by South Africa at the International Court of Justice (ICJ). SUHAKAM also calls for the perpetrators to be held responsible for their inhuman transgressions and for the International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor to conduct just and fair investigations into the war crimes committed, without any interference.

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**Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)  
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