

Media Statement

10 May 2021

Courageous people of Palestine, we are with you.

There is nothing new about the brutal Israeli repression of the Palestinian people. This has been going on for decades and across all the occupied territories.

To be clear, Israel is a brutal occupier and flagrant human rights abuser. Israel is an apartheid state. The Palestinians suffer daily humiliations, theft and destruction of homes and businesses, torture, and killings.

The Palestinians protesting are exercising their right to stand up against the threat of forced evictions of Palestinian families from the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in east Jerusalem. They are being met with rubber bullets and tear gas by Israeli forces. The Israeli actions have been savage, with hundreds injured, many seriously.

Palestinians are being prevented from worshipping at Al-Aqsa Mosque during the holy month of Ramadan. This egregious attack on religious freedom cannot be justified.

The Israeli occupying forces well know the religious significance, and in all likelihood, are seeking to provoke a response so that they can inflict yet more violence, pain, and suffering on the Palestinian people. This textbook strategy is straight out of this brutal occupier's playbook, honed over many bloody years.

It is not enough for the UN, the EU, and the Americans to call for calm and restraint. This is the same old meaningless response we get every time Israel commits these crimes. And the less said about the disingenuous statements coming from Arab capitals the better.

Enough! It is time for action, it is time for sanctions, it is time to end this charade of a "peace process". It is past time to end the occupation.

Muslims and all those who believe in justice stand in resolute solidarity with the brave Palestinian people. The least the Australian government can do is show some moral courage by condemning the Israeli actions in the strongest possible terms.

- End -

For further information contact ICV Media Spokesperson

Adel Salman 0421 059 095



66-68 Jeffcott Street,
West Melbourne,
VIC 3003

ICV.org.au/media