

That Dáil Eireann:

- Expresses horror at the indiscriminate killing and targeting of all civilians in the current terrible escalation of violence between Israel and the Palestinians.

- Condemns as an atrocity and war crime the bombing of the Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza city which has claimed the lives of at least 500 innocent people and holds Israel wholly responsible for the atrocity

Rejects any inference that Israel's barbaric assault on Gaza, which has claimed the lives of thousands of civilians, including disproportionate numbers of women and children, represents an act of "self-defence."

-Condemns Israel's public declaration of its intention to commit the war crime of collectively punishing the entire population of Gaza by cutting off all food, water, fuel and preventing the entry of humanitarian aid entering the besieged area.

-Condemns Israel's public declaration of its intention to commit the war crime of ethnic cleansing (forcible transfer) of approximately 1 million Palestinians from Northern Gaza, under threat of relentless and on-going bombardment by the Israeli occupation forces.

-Notes in relation to the above and condemns the recent visit of EU commission President Ursula Von Der Leyden to Israel where she offered unconditional and uncritical support to Israel at the same time that Israeli leaders were making public declarations about their intent to commit the war crimes against the entire Gaza population, and that she did so without mandate from the EU.

-Notes and condemns recent announcements by leading figures in the Israeli government that they intended to target the entire population of Gaza, including a recent press conference by the Israeli President Issac Herzog, where he stated that the entire Gaza population were "responsible" for the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> attack on Israel.

-Condemns the targeting by Israel in Gaza of multiple medical facilities, schools, residential areas and vital civilian infrastructure – targeting which carries with it the certainty of mass civilian casualties and threatens the entire Gaza population with a catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

-notes that prior to the latest escalation of violence Gaza has been subject to a 17-year long siege by Israel, which according to the UN had already reduced the entire area to the state of a "permanent humanitarian crisis" – a siege which in itself represented a collective punishment and holding hostage of the entire Gaza population and therefore a war crime.

-Notes that prior to the current escalation that 2023 represented the most deadly year for Palestinians in recent years with hundreds of Palestinians killed by the Israeli military.

-Notes that prior to the current escalation Israel held over 5,000 Palestinian prisoners in captivity, most of them under the system of administrative detention without charges or trial and many of them were children.

-Notes the reports published over the last two years by multiple human rights organisations, such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, B'tselem and the UN Special Rapporteur to Palestine which accused Israel of decades of on-going crimes against humanity perpetrated against Palestinians, particularly the crime of Apartheid.

-Notes the on-going expansion of illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory, the on-going illegal annexation of Palestinian territory, the on-going efforts at the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from areas such as East Jerusalem, Hebron and multiple other locations and the recent escalation of Israeli settler violence against Palestinians, actively supported by leading figures in the Israeli government.

-Notes that under International law millions of Palestinian refugees ethnically cleansed from their homes, towns and villages since the Nakbah of 1948, living ever since in refugee camps in Gaza, West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and elsewhere, have the right to return to the homes, towns and villages from where they were forcibly expelled by Israel but that they are denied that right by the state of Israel.

-Notes that Israel is not a signatory to the International Criminal Court and refuses its jurisdiction and as such refuses any accountability in terms of the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity or violations of international law.

-Notes that despite the on-going violations of Israel of International law, the US continues to give billions every year in military and financial aid to Israel, the EU continues to give favoured trade status to Israel and many EU states continue to do billions in military and arms trade with the state of Israel.

-Notes that despite its on-going war crimes and crimes against humanity and violations of international law, including the siege of Gaza, apartheid, ethnic cleansing, illegal occupation and annexation of territory, denial of the Palestinian right to return, arbitrary killing and many other violations, Israel has never been subject to any sanction by the EU or any International body.

-Notes that under International law an occupied people have the right to resist their occupation by all means including by force of arms.

- Notes no provision of international law confers the right on any state to defend a regime of apartheid.

Dáil Éireann resolves;

To publicly demand that Israel immediately ends the barbaric military assault on Gaza and that it removes all obstacles to the supply of humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza.

To expel the Israeli Ambassador from Ireland.

To call publicly for Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, and all other Israeli government and military officials responsible for the current military assault and siege of Gaza to be referred to the International Criminal Court for war crimes and violations of international law

To state publicly that a sustainable end to the conflict between Palestinians and Israel can only be achieved through the dismantling of the entire Israeli apartheid regime, the ending of the siege of Gaza, the ending of the occupation of all Palestinian territory, the dismantling of all illegal settlements and the vindication of the right to return of Palestinian refugees displaced since 1948

To announce the immediate withdrawal of support for Ursula von der Leyen as President of the European Commission and to call for her resignation

Urges support for public demonstrations in solidarity with the people of Palestine, including the boycott, of Israeli goods, divestment from Israel and sanctions against Israel until all rights of the Palestinian are fully vindicated and Palestinians enjoy freedom justice and self determination.