

The red line has been crossed - this horror must stop NOW !

We have been silent for too long! We can no longer close our eyes on what is happening in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The government and the army of Israel are waging a horrific war against the population of Gaza, bombing hospitals, killing people waiting for food delivery, using starvation as weapons and now attacking staff residence and main warehouse of the WHO in Gaza.

The population in West Bank and East Jerusalem is facing brutal attacks from right-wing settlers, and Israeli Defense Force (IDF) is not protecting and even sometime participating in the attacks.

The government of Israel is permanently violating international laws, there is an arrest warrant against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) - all states who signed the Rome Statue are obliged to execute such warrants, including countries like Germany and Italy. Orders from the International Court of Justice from Jan 2024 and May 2024 must be respected. We see it as a positive move, that 30 European and international partners have launched an urgent demand to end this war, while it is a shame, that countries like Germany are not among the signees.

The red line has been crossed - immediate actions are required.

The Science4Peace Forum was founded to promote international scientific civilian and non-military exchange across all borders. We have protested strongly against exclusion of Russian and Belorussian scientists from international cooperations as a reaction to the war against Ukraine, which we strongly condemn. We insisted the cooperation in non-military, civilian areas must continue, in respect to international rules. However, if institutes are directly involved in the war, crimes against humanity and the violation of international law, the cooperation cannot continue as is.

- We urge to immediately stop the war against Gaza and West Bank, immediately lift the blockade of food delivery to Gaza and supply the population with all the necessary food and humanitarian aid by UN. We insist to stop all weapon deliveries to Israel.
- We insist that governments fulfill their obligations respecting international laws and that these laws are applied in all cooperations.
- We insist on a long-term solution and a recognition of a Palestinian state.
- We request that agreements with Israeli academic institutions and companies be subject to investigation regarding their direct involvement in the war against Gaza, Iran, Lebanon, Syria and call to halt cooperation with institutions, programs and individuals who are directly involved in the wars. Scientific cooperation can only continue on the base of respect of international law and in a non-military field - civil clauses must be applied to avoid any complicity in crimes against humanity or against the Geneva Conventions.
- We leverage our international contacts, including those with our Israeli colleagues, to build a unified and international protest action against the war on Gaza and the continuing assaults on

and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian communities. We fully support protests¹ from inside the Israeli academia against the inhuman and criminal, nationalistic behavior of the Israeli government and Israeli army.

- We, as Science4Peace Forum, call to support students and scientists from Palestine with special fellowship programs (short and longer-term support) in order to guarantee their and the Palestinian society's future prospects.

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¹ See for example: Harel, D. (2025). Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza and Securing the Release of Hostages - A National Moral Imperative, Black Flag action group, Legal Scholars Demanding Humanitarian Aid and an end to the war,

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