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Re: Ireland Must Act on International Law & Human Rights

Dear Taoiseach,

I write to you as a voice from *Muintir na hÉireann*, compelled by conscience and by Ireland's history, to urge immediate and meaningful action in response to the ongoing crisis in Palestine and the wider region. The situation was never going to remain contained. From Gaza to Lebanon, we are witnessing a repeated and escalating disregard for human life.

As of March 2026, over 9,500 Palestinians are held in Israeli prisons, including 350 children. Many have never been charged, tried, or convicted. They are held under administrative detention, imprisonment without evidence, due process, and a defined end date. Many are taken from their homes, schools, and families, often in the middle of the night.

While these individuals are referred to as detainees, the indefinite detention of civilians, including children, without charge raises profound and urgent human rights concerns. Recent legislative developments enabling the use of execution by hanging for Palestinian people only have further intensified international alarm, particularly regarding due process, equality before the law, and compliance with international legal standards.

Barbarity is being normalised. It is not being contained. It is escalating rapidly. Human rights are eroding before our eyes. When will ordinary people, working and middle class alike, across nations, beliefs and political divides realise we are not immune to this erosion of rights? Will we only act when it reaches our own doorstep?

We in Ireland know the pain of injustice under colonial rule of imprisonment, torture, execution, and the denial of basic human dignity. That history does not permit silence. It demands action.

We therefore call on the Government of Ireland to:

- Ensure the immediate passage and enforcement of the **Occupied Territories Bill**
- Advocate at EU level for the suspension of the **EU–Israel Association Agreement** until compliance with international law is upheld
- Support international accountability mechanisms, including proceedings before the **International Court of Justice**

Silence is complicity. Action is no longer optional. If not now, when? If not us, who?

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