ISNA Calls for Peace and Condemns Violence Against Medical Workers in Gaza

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The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) condemns the continued violence in Palestine and the recent attack on medical aid workers in Rafah, Gaza, where at least 15 individuals were killed while trying to assist those in need. Among the dead was 21-year-old Mohammad, calling his dad for help while getting shot. This incident, which saw emergency vehicles and ambulances clearly displaying their lights and markings targeted by Israeli forces, raises grave concerns about the protection of humanitarian workers under international law. In another strike on April 3, dozens of people, including children, were killed in a school-turned-shelter. Israel has now stopped aid from entering Gaza for over a month. The latest death toll stands at 62,614 Palestinians killed since October 7, 2023.

The most recent killings of these brave healthcare professionals and others represent a tremendous loss to the humanitarian efforts in Gaza and are unacceptable under any circumstances.

We urge the Trump Administration, the United Nations, and relevant global organizations to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into this tragedy and other recent incidents of violence against civilians and humanitarian workers. Accountability for these actions is crucial to upholding the principles of international humanitarian law and to ensuring that such horrific events do not recur.

ISNA calls on the United States, the United Nations, and the international community to advocate for an end to the violence in Palestine and to work towards achieving lasting peace. This cannot come to pass without a commitment to justice, accountability, and protecting all individuals, regardless of their background, during conflicts.

We stand in solidarity with the victims and all those affected by this ongoing violence and reaffirm our commitment to peace, justice, and the protection of human rights for all people in the region.