

Message to elected officials:

Dear xxx,

This morning, Israel's ordered 1.1 million Palestinians to "evacuate" the northern half of the occupied Gaza Strip, prompting UN officials to warn of an impending and unprecedented catastrophe, with the full backing, funding and arming of the U.S. and Europe.

Addressing the recent crisis, its underlying causes, and the absolute need for the occupying power as well as all resistance groups of the occupied community to respect international law and to respect the prohibition against harming civilians is absolutely important.

But the top priority now for anyone who cares about human rights and upholding international law is to pressure governments and the UN to impose a **ceasefire**, to provide **protection for civilians**, and to compel Israel, the occupying power, to allow **urgent humanitarian aid**, including food, water and electricity, in to the 2.3 million Palestinians trapped in the Israeli-occupied and hermetically besieged Gaza Strip.

For over 7 days the Palestinians in Gaza have been under the most intense and [indiscriminate](#) Israeli bombardment ever, targeting homes, markets, schools and [universities](#), hospitals, [healthworkers](#), journalists, and the entire civilian infrastructure. The Israeli occupation forces are implementing their "[Dahiya Doctrine](#)," which precisely calls for "disproportionate force" to maximize damage to civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Entire families have, again, been wiped off the face of the earth. Since Saturday, Israel's bombs have murdered over 1,500 Palestinians, over a third of them children. Over half a million have been displaced, even before the impending catastrophic "evacuation" orders.

We need to act now, with utmost urgency. Many Palestinian lives depend on it.

The most urgent demands are:

- An immediate ceasefire
- Allow humanitarian aid in immediately
- UN protection for Palestinians in Gaza now