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Urgent Appeal By The Grassroots International Protection for the Palestinian People

At the time where the Christian world is celebrating Easter today, marking the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ, for the Salvation of human kind, we Palestinians are confronting the same fate.

The Israeli government in response to the numerous calls for peace by the Palestinian leadership and the rest of the Arab World, has mobilized its full army force and bulldozed all calls for peace.

This morning, 29.03.2002, the Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, in a press conference declared war on the Palestinian people. The Israeli Minister of War, Ben Aliazar stated that this war has no geographical boundaries and nobody is immune in this war, including President Yasser Arafat.

The whole Palestinian population is under siege. Our towns, villages and refugee camps are bound. In the initial stages of the Israeli re-occupation of the Palestinian territories, more than 150 tanks have invaded the city of Ramallah. The Israeli tanks are at present attacking the headquarters of the President Arafat. A large number of civilians have been murdered and injured by the sporadic shelling of the Israeli army gunfire. The injured are denied medical treatment and ambulances are not allowed to reach the injured who are left bleeding to death. The first three casualties were from the Abu Gharbieh family who were shot in the early hours of the morning leaving their house. The mother, Surayda Abu Gharbieh died her husband Murad and their five months old baby were injured. The entire population in Ramallah is restricted to their homes, the Israelis have cut electricity and a large number of families are forced to stay in one room. The high buildings have been occupied and used by snipers to shoot at anything that moves.

Appeal: We call upon the International Community, the European Community and all those concerned in the promotion of peace in the world to:

1. We look upon the European Community and Parliament as a major actor in bringing Israel to conform to UN and International resolutions including the 4th Geneva Convention.
2. To organize and mobilize the people to go out to the streets and protest the Israeli genocide against the Palestinians and to provide International protection for the Palestinian people.
3. To lobby with your governments to take immediate action for the cessation of the Israeli aggression against the Palestinians.
4. To call for economic and political sanctions against the war government of Israel.
5. Activate the role of your governments, International Aid Agencies and all concerned to supply the emergency needs of the Palestinian people of food and medical supplies.