



Kairos Palestine call after the bombing of the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Porphyrius in Gaza

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**The highways are deserted,
travel has ceased.
The treaty has been broken,
the witnesses are despised,
and human life is disregarded.
The land mourns and languishes.**

Isaiah 33:8-9

This war must stop. It's a crazy war. It's a crazy revenge. Exterminating or expelling two million people. Today, The Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Porphyrius, the bishop and patron saint of Gaza, was bombed, and the buildings attached to it were destroyed. So far, seventeen martyrs among the refugees who took shelter in the church, most of whom were Christians, have died in the bombing. Yesterday, the Baptist Hospital, which is run by the Anglican Church in Palestine, was bombed, and more than five hundred martyrs were killed in the bombing.

This crazy aggression must stop. If it does not stop today, the result will be fueling similar hatreds and feeding the destruction of a future after a while. And why? Is the intention destruction and blood? What kind of humanity have we reached? What is required is justice and peace for a city that has been under siege and collective punishment for more than sixteen years, and instead of liberating and creating justice and peace in it, it is being exterminated.

Our call to every person of conscience, to every Jew, Christian and Muslim, to the churches of the world, to the Arab and Islamic world, to Israel itself and to all its friends; some of whom have participated in killing us and others have remained silent about what is happening in the Gaza Strip:

Stop the war now. Humanity can no longer tolerate human madness. What destruction lies after this?!!!

“Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth” Wisdom 1: 1-2 Therefore, you rulers of the world and rulers of Israel, “be wise; be warned,” Psalms 2:10 and stop the war now.

Kairos Palestine, the most extensive Palestinian Christian ecumenical non- violent movement, is based on Kairos Palestine document: A Moment of Truth, launched in 2009, affirming that the Palestinian Christians are part and parcel of the Palestinian nation, calling for peace to end all suffering in the Holy Land by laboring for justice, hope and love, embraced by the Christian community, signed by all historically recognized Palestinian Christian organizations, and endorsed by the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem.

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