

OUR PERSPECTIVE ON GAZA-ISRAEL

The Muslim community is deeply saddened by the recent events unfolding in Palestine. This has caused immense pain and sorrow for us all. Our thoughts are with our brothers and sisters in Gaza, who are enduring relentless bombardment in an already challenging situation of blockade and occupation. These airstrikes have not only claimed numerous lives and homes but have also wreaked havoc on essential infrastructure such as hospitals, water supply networks, and electricity lines. The situation in Gaza is dire, with Israel further tightening its grip by cutting off water, electricity, and food supplies in response to the Hamas attack.

As we enter the fourth day of this bombing campaign, the humanitarian crisis in one of the world's most impoverished regions has reached a critical level. Despite international appeals for a ceasefire, the violence persists. It is only recently that the United States has indicated interest in a ceasefire, having previously obstructed several United Nations Security Council statements calling for one. We join our fellow humans in hoping and praying for an end to this violence.

Our hearts yearn for peace to finally take root in one of the world's most enduring conflicts. We also implore the global community to take more substantial action in alleviating the plight of the Palestinian people. We call upon the Biden administration to reestablish our nation's moral leadership in global affairs.

We pray that our Lord grant solace and healing to all those suffering from oppression and violence regardless of their location and religious/political identity.