

The National Discourse of Afghanistan Declaration on the Human Tragedy in the Middle East

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On October 7th the Gaza-based Palestinian movement Hamas simultaneously attacked Israeli settlements adjacent to the Gaza Strip and in Tel Aviv and Ashkelon, in a combined ground and air surprise attack codenamed "Al-Aqsa Storm," and the Zionist Israeli military responded with aerial and ground bombardment of Gaza, resulting in the massive loss of civilian life on both sides of the battle line. Thousands of innocent Palestinians and Israelis fell victim to the Hamas and the Israeli Zionist aggressions.

The National Discourse of Afghanistan, while strongly condemning this war of aggression, expresses its sympathy with the innocent victims of these aggressions in both Palestine and Israel and requests the United Nations and the Security Council to take action on the following:

- 1. In order to prevent the further killing of innocent people, political pressure should be exerted through all possible means on both sides of the war to agree to an immediate ceasefire,
- 2. Channels of humanitarian assistance must be opened so that the wounded and displaced people on both sides of the war line can benefit from the much-needed assistance from abroad. The global community should act with the utmost sense of responsibility in sending humanitarian assistance to the victims of these aggressions.

- 3. In order to put an end to this 70-year-long perpetual human tragedy in the Middle East, the United Nations Security Council should use this opportunity to recognize the legal governments of both Palestine and Israel based on historical records and the numerous United Nations resolutions.
- 4. The indifference and intervention of countries in supporting one side of the conservative war will cause the extent of the war in the Middle East and the great danger in its wider dimensions.

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