



Media Statement

AFIC welcomes Egyptian brokered ceasefire in historic Palestine, calls on the Australian government to support the rights of the Palestinian people and restore aid to them

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“All credit to the Egyptian government for achieving a ceasefire in historic Palestine. The Israeli violence against the indigenous population in occupied historic Palestine has criminally claimed the lives of hundreds of innocent Palestinians and wounded many more.” Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

“As I welcome this ceasefire and pray for a lasting just peace, I have to express my profound disappointment in those political leaders, including those in Australia, who have blindly defended the criminal actions of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) and the Israeli political establishment that empowered their war crimes.” Said Dr Jneid.

“As proud Australian citizens, we expect fairness from our elected Australian officials. If they genuinely “love” the Israeli leaders and the state of Israel, then the only way they can help them is to demand justice for the indigenous Palestinian victims of Israeli war crimes.” Said Dr Jneid.

“I struggle to see the benefit to “Israel” of their most recent war crimes against the Indigenous Palestinian population. These war crimes have shed some light on the level of oppression by the Israeli authorities against the indigenous population of historic Palestine. I condemn IDF and “settler” occupation crimes against the courageous Palestinian people and I call upon every decent person in our human family to do likewise and to start providing assistance, including financial aid to the people of Gaza, the West Bank and especially the Palestinian residents of Sheikh Jarrah.” Said AFIC CEO Mr Keysar Trad.

“As the president of Muslims Australia, AFIC, I pledge to give all donations received during our Friday collection and those deposited into our humanitarian account from Monday 24 May 2021 until Sunday 13 June 2021 to the Gaza and Sheikh Jarrah Appeal through the Australian registered charity Human Appeal International, I urge all Australians to support this cause by donating generously. I also call on our Australian government to restore all pre-Trump aid to the Palestinian people and increase it markedly in light of the latest Israeli sponsored carnage.” Said Dr Jneid.

Bank account to support the Gaza and Sheikh Jarrah Appeal:

Name: The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils Inc. Humanitarian Account

Branch number: 032-010

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