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### Media Statement

## **AFIC appalled at and strongly condemns Israel's violation of Egyptian brokered peace with Palestine 16 June 2021**

We are horrified with the latest news from the occupied Palestinian territories that apartheid Israel has resumed its aggression against the beleaguered Palestinian people.

“Under its horrific occupation that has spanned more than seven decades, the rogue state “Israel” is still at it, it is continuing to murder and as usual shift the blame onto its victims. The latest outcry of “incendiary balloons” is one of Israel’s weakest and most pathetic excuses to date. It is time the international community stepped in and put a stop to Israeli war crimes.” Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

“As we continue to pray for peace - more and more people are awakening to the fact that peace, especially just peace, must be won through a show of force, we can never gain peace by pandering to the aggressors, especially elitist Zionists who carry-on as if they are better than other human beings. Our Australian government must impress on the international community to sanction Israel and to do so with utmost urgency.” Said AFIC CEO Keysar Trad.

“First world nations have made giant strides in celebration and promotion of peace and democracy. Yet we all witness reluctantly Israeli terrorism in the occupied Palestinian territories and Israeli intervention in the region. I don’t see hope in waiting for kindness from brutal occupiers, the international community’s inaction will lead to more loss of innocent lives. There is no turning the other cheek when it comes to the safety and security of innocent civilians - the faith community must rise up and demand of leaders to take a just stand and sanction the rogue state for its ongoing terrorism.” Said the most eminent Imam Abdul Quddoos Al Azhari, National Grand Mufti of Australia.

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