

Ben We Condemn Zionist Israel's Systematic Attacks on Science and Educational Institutions

Zionist Israel's disproportionate use of force against the Palestinian people, especially in the Gaza Strip, its attacks targeting civilian settlements, its massacres of women, children and the elderly, and its siege policies that systematically violate the basic rights to life constitute a crime against humanity and genocide in flagrant violation of international law, human rights and conscience. These attacks are not only directed against the physical existence of a people, but also against its history, culture, memory and intellectual future.

On this issue, the direct or indirect attacks on scientists, universities and educational institutions in Palestine, and in the regional countries of Iran and Iraq, along with the oppression, deportation and systematic threats against academics, constitute a comprehensive attack on scientific freedom, academic peace and the common knowledge heritage of humanity. We condemn with deep concern and anger the Zionist Israeli regime's systematic attacks targeting universities, research centers, academics and students, especially in Palestine.

Beyond any political or military conflict, educational institutions are spaces where universal values for humanity are produced, knowledge is transferred and a peaceful future is built. Israel's aggressive policies target not only the civilian population, but also the scientific development, intellectual accumulation and academic independence of the region. Actions such as air strikes on Palestinian universities, destruction of research centers, arrest, repression, forced displacement or assassination of academics are in clear contradiction with international law and the Geneva Conventions and the principles of academic freedom.

Similarly, in other countries in the region - including Iran and Iraq - sabotage, assassinations, intimidation and operations to weaken academic structures against scientists not only target regional stability, but also undermine global scientific cooperation. Targeting scientists is not only an attack on the right to life of individuals, but also a crime that undermines the production of shared knowledge for humanity.

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Furthermore, the pressure, investigations, suspensions and even arrests in Western countries, especially in the United States, against academics who speak out against Zionist Israeli aggression is also a serious cause for concern. This situation poses a direct threat not only to freedom of thought and expression, but also to academic autonomy and universal human rights. It is not possible for science to flourish in an environment where different opinions are suppressed. Therefore, we condemn these repressive practices in the strongest terms and advocate for the re-strengthening of academic solidarity on a global scale.

It is unacceptable that the international community remains silent against these attacks. We call on global science and human rights organizations, including the United Nations, UNESCO, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and all academic circles, to stand against these attacks and hold the perpetrators accountable.

We commemorate all the scientists and education volunteers who lost their lives with respect and mercy, and we call on the entire world academic community to stand in solidarity for the reconstruction of a free, independent and safe academic environment.

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