



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 432

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“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE LAWLESS AND INHUMANE ACTS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IN PALESTINE AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHIES AND SUPPORT OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO THE OPPRESSED PALESTINIANS IN GAZA AND IN OTHER OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, AND URGING THE UNITED NATION SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO INTERVENE AND SUPPRESS FURTHER ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT”

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Organic Law (RA No. 11054) expressly mandates the commitment of the Bangsamoro Government to promote unity, peace, justice and goodwill, not only within the region but among all people, and to encourage a just and peaceful settlement of disputes;

WHEREAS, in view of the Palestinians’ long-time struggle for independence and assertion of right to self-determination, the Bangsamoro People resonates with the devastating situation that the defenseless Palestinians are currently going through with the inhumane, indiscriminate and lawless military operations of the Israeli government against them;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2021, Palestinians began a protest in Jerusalem over a forthcoming decision of the Israeli Supreme Court regarding the eviction of four Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah, which is part of the Palestinian territories. The protests quickly escalated into violent confrontations between Jewish and Palestinian protesters so that the following day, the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound was stormed by the Israeli police using tear gas, rubber bullets and stun grenades against the Palestinians;

WHEREAS, as of May 14, 2021, since the rocket launches and airstrikes began, casualties are reported to have reached more than 300 Palestinians, including civilians, women and children, and more than a thousand wounded. In addition, Israeli air raids flatten homes and high-rise buildings that displaced more than 10,000 Palestinians;

WHEREAS, the targetted bombing of an 11-story building housing the offices of media outlets such as Al-Jazeera and Associated Press in Gaza is a serious blow to press freedom and a blatant disregard to the principles of democracy;

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental rule, and specifically provided in the International Humanitarian Law, that “persons who are *hors de combat* (outside of combat) and those who do not take a direct part in hostilities are entitled to respect for their lives and moral and physical integrity. They shall in all circumstances be protected and treated humanely without any adverse distinctions;

WHEREAS, International Law guarantees freedom of religion or belief. This freedom includes the right to manifest one’s religion or belief, freedom to worship or assemble in connection with a religion and belief, and to establish and maintain places for these purposes;

WHEREAS, the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque as Islam's third holiest site must be accorded with due respect, and the human rights of the Palestinians to exercise their freedom to worship and manifest their religion and belief must be upheld at all times;

WHEREAS, the Israeli government's military attacks in the Palestinian territories and their acts of violence in the vicinity of the Al-Aqsa mosque is a flagrant violation of Palestinians human rights and International Laws;

WHEREAS, the need to call upon the Israeli government to halt its indiscriminate bombings in Gaza and other occupied Palestinian territories and to adhere to the rules and principles of international law and comply with its obligations under International Law, including its bilateral or multilateral agreements with the Palestinian government, must be immediately acted upon;

WHEREAS, it is also imperative to encourage both the Israeli and Palestinian governments to return to talks to halt the violence, lawlessness and hostilities to end the killings and destruction of homes and buildings that displace thousands of Palestinians;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to strongly condemn the lawless and inhumane acts of Israeli government and to express the sympathies and support of the Bangsamoro government to the oppressed Palestinians of Gaza and other Occupied Palestinian Territories.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to urge the United Nation Security Council, as the body charged with maintaining global peace and security, and other concerned international bodies to take immediate measures to intervene and suppress further acts of aggression by the Israel government against the Palestinians.

Adopted,

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