



**The Communiqué of Arab Leaders at the Bahrain Summit on the
Aggression Against the Gaza Strip
The Kingdom of Bahrain: 16 May 2024**

We, the Arab leaders,

- 1- *Vehemently condemn* the ongoing brutal Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip, the atrocities perpetrated against Palestinian civilians, and the flagrant violations of international law and humanitarian principles by Israel, including the deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure, the imposition of siege tactics resulting in starvation, forced displacement attempts, and the consequent loss of tens of thousands of innocent Palestinian lives and injuries;
- 2- *Denounce* the expansion of Israeli aggression into the Palestinian city of Rafah, which has become a sanctuary for over a million displaced individuals, leading to dire humanitarian repercussions; *and condemn* the Israeli occupation forces' control of the Palestinian side of the Rafah crossing, a move intended to further restrict civilian movement and exacerbate the siege, resulting in the halt of crossing operations and the obstruction of humanitarian aid flow;
- 3- *Demand* an immediate and enduring ceasefire in Gaza, cessation of all attempts at forced displacement, lifting of all forms of siege, ensuring unimpeded and sustainable access to humanitarian aid

for the Strip, and the prompt withdrawal of Israeli forces from Rafah;

- 4- *Strongly condemn* the Israeli occupation forces' deliberate targeting of humanitarian and international organizations in the Gaza Strip, hindering their operations, and assaults on aid convoys destined for Gaza, including attacks by Israeli extremists on Jordanian aid missions; *and urge* for an urgent international investigation into these incidents;
- 5- *Reiterate unwavering support* for the Palestinian people in all capacities amidst this aggression; *implore* the international community and influential global powers to transcend political considerations and double standards in addressing international crises, and to fulfill their moral and legal obligations in confronting Israeli aggressions, unequivocally denouncing them as blatant violations of international law and humanitarian principles;
- 6- *Call for* the activation of relevant international mechanisms to conduct independent and impartial investigations, ensuring accountability for those responsible for the crimes committed against the Palestinian people since the onset of the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip.

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