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## The AAM Expresses its Strongest Disappointment and Condemnation of the Vote Against the Motion to Recognise the State of Palestine

The **AAM** expresses its strongest **disappointment** and **condemnation** of the government, Labor Party, Liberal Party, and other Federal MPs who voted against the motion to recognise the **State of Palestine** in the federal parliament today.

The current situation in Palestine, specifically in **Gaza** and **Rafah**, is at a crisis level unprecedented in history, putting an obligation on everyone, including the government and political leaders, to stand up for what is right.

The Palestinian people deserve **self-determination** and the recognition of their **independent state**. Today, the government's and other political parties' positions raise more questions than they give credibility.

Last week, the United Nations' top court, the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**, ordered Israel to immediately **halt** its military operation in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, considering the humanitarian situation in Rafah "**disastrous**." More than a **million** Palestinians were taking shelter in Rafah before Israel started its operation. The ICJ also noted that around **800,000** have since been displaced. Israel defied the ICJ's ruling and the international community's call, continuing its operation in Rafah, resulting in more killings and attacks on innocent men, women, children, and babies in Rafah.

Our community has growing concerns about the government's handling of the situation in Palestine and the **genocide** the Palestinians are facing every day in Gaza. The Australian Government must immediately **recognise** the **State of Palestine** and condemn Israel's ongoing indiscriminate attacks on innocent Palestinians.



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