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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

We Stand in Solidarity with all Advocates of Palestine and Reject the Biased and Unfair Targeting by Media Agencies

The Israeli occupation and aggression in Palestine, particularly in Gaza, has intensified since October 7, leading to a significant increase in civilian casualties. Recent reports indicate that over 15,000 Palestinians have been killed, including 6,150 children and 4,000 women, with the number of injured exceeding 40,000, mostly among women and children. Additionally, more than 6,800 individuals are reportedly missing. In the Occupied West Bank, the death toll is over 237, including 52 children, with more than 2,750 injured.

Following a temporary ceasefire, the Israeli Defence Force resumed operations, resulting in the killing of over 500 innocent people in Gaza in less than 48 hours. The Israeli forces have also hindered humanitarian efforts by blocking aid trucks at the Rafah crossing, as per the Palestinian Red Crescent's reports.

The Australian Muslim and Palestinian communities are deeply mourning the loss of their kin, brothers and sisters. This grief is combined with the biased and misleading coverage of recent events by many media outlets, which fail to uphold journalistic standards of integrity, transparency, and rigour. This sentiment was echoed by over 200 journalists and reporters in a letter to Australian media outlets criticising their one-sided reporting, last week. ([Letter](#))

Moreover, there's growing concern over the unfair targeting of Muslim and Palestinian advocates and prominent leaders by some mainstream media agencies. These individuals and leaders, exercising their basic right to free speech, the very core value and principle that journalism is founded on, have been unjustly targeted and negatively portrayed with their messages distorted. These biased and unfair reports include the use of extreme propaganda to falsely suggest that these advocates and leaders are causing disharmony, using extreme propaganda, implying to condone the killing of innocent people, etc.

We, the undersigned organisations and individuals, strongly oppose and condemn this biased and unfair portrayal of Palestinian advocates. We stand in solidarity with all those who justly support the Palestinian cause and the Palestinian People. We urge Muslims, Palestinians, and Australians who value justice and humanity to unite in support of justice for Palestine and the Palestinians and those who advocate for this cause.

We also call for rejecting the misleading, inaccurate, and biased narratives propagated by certain media agencies, advocating for a fair and accurate representation and reporting of current events.

We also urge media agencies, journalists and reporters to uphold journalism's core values and contribute towards the country's social cohesion, particularly in a time when the country needs it most.



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SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

1.	Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM)	NATIONAL
2.	Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)	NATIONAL
3.	Islamic Schools Association of Australia	NATIONAL
4.	Islamic Council of Victoria	VIC
5.	Queensland Muslims inc	QLD
6.	United Muslims of Australia (UMA)	NSW
7.	Islamic Society of South Australia	SA
8.	The Queensland Charity & Welfare Association Inc	QLD
9.	ACT Muslims Australia	ACT
10.	Gold Coast Masjid	QLD
11.	Werribee Islamic Center	VIC
12.	Academy Alive	QLD
13.	United Muslims of Northern Territory	NT
14.	Muslim Organization of Sunshine Coast	QLD
15.	GALLIPOLI TURKISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION	NSW
16.	Gold Coast Southport Masjid	QLD
17.	Muslim Business Council	QLD
18.	Sydney Turkish Islamic Culture & Mosque Association Inc.	NSW
19.	Campsie Multicultural Youth Welfare Inc.	NSW
20.	MCYAS Minchinbury Masjid	NSW
21.	New England Multicultural Community Association Inc.	NSW
22.	Sydney Northwest Muslim Community	NSW
23.	Masjid Al Farooq - Kuraby Masjid	QLD
24.	Muhajirin Association for community development Inc	NSW
25.	Arabic Tafseer College	NSW
26.	Alquds Community Centre Inc	NSW
27.	Islamic Association of Monash Mosque	VIC
28.	Australian Palestine Advocacy Network	NATIONAL
29.	Canberra Islamic School	ACT
30.	Islamic Practice and Dawah Circle Inc.	NATIONAL
31.	Fremantle Jummah Group	WA
32.	IWAA	QLD
33.	Slacks Creek Mosque	QLD
34.	Australians for Palestine	VIC
35.	Islamic Forum for Australian Muslims (IFAM)	NATIONAL
36.	Hills District Muslim Society	NSW
37.	Al-Mustapha Institute	QLD
38.	Canberra Muslims For Palestine	ACT

39.	Ashabul Kahfi Islamic Centre	NSW
40.	Islamic society of Mackay	QLD
41.	Masjid Al-Raḥmān Gosnells	WA
42.	Darul Ulum Sydney Incorporated	NSW
43.	Australian Muslim Advocacy Network (AMAN)	QLD
44.	Bosniak Islamic Centre of QLD	QLD
45.	Darul Tarbiyah Community Center	NSW
46.	AL Huda Educational Institute	QLD
47.	Penshurst Mosque	NSW
48.	Islamic Society Of Darra	QLD
49.	Gold Coast Muslim Sisters Association	QLD
50.	Queanbeyan Masjid	ACT
51.	Saarban Islamic Trust	NSW
52.	Australian Forum for Kashmir	NSW
53.	Hawkesbury Islamic Society	NSW
54.	Marsden Park Masjid	NSW
55.	Richmond Masjid	NSW
56.	Campbelltown Masjid	NSW
57.	Bankstown Masjid	NSW
58.	Melbourne Masjid, Narre Warren	VIC
59.	Islahi Islamic Youth Centre	NSW
60.	Granville Youth Association	NSW
61.	Sanctuary Community Centre	VIC
62.	Quakers Hill Mosque	NSW
63.	Australian Egyptian Society	TAS
64.	Madrasatul Tanzeel	WA
65.	Alhidayah Centre Inc - Wangara	WA
66.	Eldannieh Sons Charity Association	NSW
67.	Council of Imams ACT	ACT
68.	Board of Imams VIC	VIC
69.	United Muslims of NSW	NSW
70.	Islamic Society of Victoria	VIC
71.	Centre for Cultural Relations (Anawawi Centre)	NSW
72.	Suffa Incorporated	NSW
73.	National Zakat Foundation Australia (NZF)	NATIONAL
74.	Centre for Islamic Dakwah and Education NSW	NSW
75.	Islamic Association Western Suburbs Sydney	NSW
76.	Holland Park Mosque	QLD
77.	Muslim Legal Network NSW	NSW
78.	Virgin Mary Mosque	VIC
79.	Bendigo Islamic Association	VIC

80.	Auburn Islamic Community Centre	NSW
81.	FITYA Family and Youth Centre	NSW
82.	Afghan Community Support Association	NSW
83.	Masjid As-Sunnah	NSW
84.	AlBayan Institute	NSW
85.	Lockyer Valley Islamic Association	NSW
86.	Islamic Society Of Belconnen	ACT
87.	Australian Islamic Mission (AIM)	NSW
88.	General Union of Palestinian Engineers - Australia	NSW
89.	Australian Islamic House	NSW
90.	Merciful Servants	QLD
91.	Deccan Australian Welfare Association	NSW
92.	Alliance Against Islamophobia	NSW
93.	Islamic Women's Welfare Association (IWWA)	NSW
94.	Australian Youth Community Centre	VIC
95.	IQRO Foundation	NSW
96.	Brothers in Need	NATIONAL
97.	MIA - Liverpool Islamic Centre	NSW
98.	United Muslims of Canberra (UMC)	ACT
99.	Jews Against Fascism	VIC
100.	Loud Jew Collective	VIC
101.	Australian Council of Women Affairs	NSW