



Statement - Demanding Canada Take Concrete Action Against Israeli Violations of International Law

OTTAWA (April 15, 2022) - The Canadian Coalition of Palestinian Organizations (CCPO) calls on the Canadian government to take concrete action against Israel's continuous violation of international law, including the most recent aggressions in the holy Masjid Al-Aqsa and the extra-judicial murders of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Occupation Forces.

Over the past few weeks, during the months of May and April and during the Holy month of Ramadan, the Israeli Occupation Forces have escalated their aggression in the occupied West Bank, **murdering several Palestinian civilians, including children.**

Israeli forces also began conducting raids against the Al-Aqsa mosque - a holy site of vast cultural and religious significance for Muslims - during the holy month of Ramadan on April 15, **injuring over 158 civilians.** These most recent attacks against Al-Aqsa mosque have targeted unarmed civilians, medics, and journalists in **clear violation of international and human rights laws**, as outlined by the Hague Conventions and the Geneva Conventions.

Canada must abide by its duty to promote and protect human rights under international law, as outlined in Global Affairs Canada's [approach to advancing human rights](#). Canada must be consistent in its respect for international law and its support for the right of self-defense of occupied peoples, including in the case of Palestine.

The CCPO demands an end to Canada's approach of impunity for Israeli violations of international law and calls on the Canadian government to take **concrete actions against these violations**, including through **public condemnation and economic and political sanctions.**

The Coalition of Canadian Palestinian Organizations

The Coalition of Canadian Palestinian Organizations consists of 24 non-partisan and not-for-profit Canadian Palestinian organizations from coast-to-coast across Canada operating in 12 major cities, united nationally on protecting Palestinian human rights in Canada and abroad.