

13th October 2023

Subject: Urgent Appeal for Irish Government Action on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Dear Honourable Members of the Irish Government,

I hope this letter finds you well, and I write to you with a heavy heart, deeply concerned about the dire situation unfolding in the Middle East. It is evident that the failure of international diplomacy has contributed to the ongoing cycle of violence, and I implore the Irish government to play a crucial role in pushing for international involvement and using its moral authority to address this critical issue.

The recent events in Israel and Palestine have left us all disheartened, highlighting the dire need for urgent international intervention. The attacks on innocent civilians by Hamas to the most recent indiscriminate Israeli order to evacuate 1.2 million people in North Gaza within 24 hours is nothing short of appalling, and it underscores the severity of the crisis at hand. As advocates of peace and justice, we must act swiftly to prevent further loss of innocent lives.

The prospect of a ground invasion in Gaza is a deeply troubling development that has the potential to result in the loss of even more innocent lives. International diplomacy has not succeeded in preventing this impending disaster, and this is where Ireland, with its rich history of peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts, can step in to help resolve this issue.

The Geneva Conventions are in place to protect the safety and well-being of civilians in times of conflict. It is incumbent upon the international community to ensure that these conventions are upheld, and Ireland has a moral responsibility to advocate for their implementation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The failure of international diplomacy in this crisis demands a more proactive approach. I implore the Irish government to use its diplomatic influence to call for an immediate end to hostilities, the lifting of the blockade in Gaza, and a comprehensive resolution of the underlying issues that perpetuate this cycle of violence.

Ireland's historical involvement and commitment to promoting peace in the Middle East make it well-suited to take a leading role in pushing for international involvement in this conflict. By leveraging our nation's moral authority and adherence to international law, we can contribute significantly to a just and lasting resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask the Irish government to recognize the urgency of the situation and take the moral responsibility to intervene, advocate for international involvement, and help facilitate a peaceful resolution to this ongoing crisis. The lives of countless innocent civilians are at stake, and we must act with unwavering determination to prevent further bloodshed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I remain hopeful for a positive response.

Sincerely,



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