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What is the life of a Palestinian worth?

While it has been almost four months since the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Israel to “do everything to protect the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip against the risk of genocide,” Israel continues with impunity to massacre the civilian populations and maintains the blockage of humanitarian aid while famine looms. Although UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Israel on May 10 that a ground offensive in Rafah would lead to a "colossal humanitarian catastrophe," and after the ICJ ordered to do so, to “immediately” stop its offensive military operations in Rafah, and to allow unimpeded access to Gaza to investigate genocide allegations, on Sunday May 26 a deadly Israeli bombing burnt displaced refugees in their tents, where nearly a million people took refuge. The place struck was not part of the zones. which the Israeli army had ordered to be evacuated. The death toll from this bombing was 45 dead and nearly 250 injured, mainly civilians who had fled the fighting.

These scenes of horror aroused “strong emotion within the international community. »: we learn that Emmanuel Macron is "outraged", the EU representative for foreign affairs, Josep Borrell "horrified"., the White House, - which for the third time, opposed, on February 20, a veto to a United Nations Security Council resolution for a ceasefire, and main supporter of Tel Aviv - says to be shaken! . While Palestinian civilians die by thousands under bombings, due to lack of food and water, the spread of disease and lack of care, will the indignation of Western leaders finally be accompanied by a demand for an immediate and lasting ceasefire and a total arms embargo on Israel, to prevent this country from continuing to act like a State above the law, flagrantly violating all the rules of law, all the moral human values? Will the leaders of the international community stop standing idly by and support the highest international bodies orders?

We join our voice to all components of the democratic movement to demand:

- * An immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza from all parties to the conflict
- * Withdraw of Israel army from all Gaza strip
- * An arms embargo against all armed groups and the release of all hostages and Palestinian prisoners
- * The obligation for Israel and all States to comply with the ICJ order
- * The lift of the illegal and inhumane blockade imposed by Israel for 17 years on the Gaza Strip, allowing it to maintain its system of apartheid against the Palestinian population
- *The unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid
- * Providing UNRWA with sufficient funds to continue its activities, while several States have suspended their funding
- *The recognition of the Palestinian State - similar to what Spain, Norway, Ireland and Slovenia have done - by EU and other western countries.
- * The right of the Palestinian people to freedom, self-determination, the right to return and the establishment of an independent and sovereign State in the territories occupied in 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital in accordance with international resolutions; recognition which is the prerequisite for any dialogue process and negotiation.

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