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Press Statement

Condemn Israel's brutal attack on Gaza

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The West Bengal unit of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO) condemns the brutal aerial bombing on Gaza by the Israeli army on the pretext of “fighting terrorism”. Already 111 people, mostly civilians, were killed, including Hamas military chief Ahmad Jaabari. Even women and children are not spared. This again clearly shows the anti-Arab jingoism of the right-wing Israeli rulers. The latest developments remind us of the Israel attacks on Palestinians in December 2008.

We deplore the present hapless condition of the 1.7 million people of Gaza who are forced to remain virtually under a terrible siege. Those who are still alive in Gaza are deprived of even basic necessities like food, water, medicine and electricity. This is nothing but a gross violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people.

We also condemn the shameless support extended again by the US imperialism to the Israeli regime and their Zionist policies.

The Government of India should stand by the people of Palestine, condemn the Israeli aggression on Gaza and suspend its military ties with Israel. India should immediately stop purchasing arms from Israel. Showing respect to our time-tested policy of non-alignment, the Indian government should also act at the diplomatic levels to put pressure on Israeli government to stop military operation in Gaza immediately. The affected people should also be provided necessary relief materials without further delay.

We also call upon the peace-loving people of Bengal to join the world-wide protest against the renewed Israeli attacks and to extend their support, as before, to the just causes of the people of Palestine.

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