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The Muslim Community of Folsom, California, stands in utter outrage and anguish at the ongoing genocide in Gaza, perpetrated by the State of Israel and continuing now for nearly two years. What we are witnessing is not a conflict, but a campaign of extermination — the deliberate and systematic bombing of schools, kindergartens, hospitals, journalists, and even the targeted killing of the poor and displaced as they queue for the bare minimum sustenance needed to stay alive.

For close to two decades, Gaza has been under an inhumane blockade — by land, sea, and air — turning it into the largest open-air prison on Earth. Now, this siege has escalated into a brutal starvation campaign. Israel is knowingly and willfully starving two million people, including the most vulnerable: infants, children, and the elderly. Hundreds have already died — not by bombs alone, but by hunger, thirst, and preventable malnutrition. These are not collateral deaths; they are intentional war crimes, unfolding live before a watching world.

The above is not an interpretation of events, but well-documented war crimes. The UN Special Committee found Israeli warfare in Gaza “consistent with the characteristics of genocide”, citing the use of starvation as a weapon, blockade tactics, and collective punishment of civilians. Gaza’s Health Ministry reports close to 60,000 Palestinian killed since October 2023, although medical estimates suggest significant under-counting. In addition to this, we have personally met Palestinians who have had more than twenty of their close relatives killed within a few weeks.





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It is an Islamic obligation upon every Muslim, and a moral and human duty upon every person of conscience, to act with whatever means they have to stop this atrocity. The Prophet ﷺ said:

“Whoever sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; if he is not able, then with his tongue; and if he is not able, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith.” (Sahih Muslim)

### What You Can Do:

1. **Boycott:** Cease all support for any product or company that directly finances or supports the Israeli state or its military apparatus.
2. **Write and Speak:** Address your local and national representatives and demand accountability and justice. Silence is complicity.
3. **Report Hate:** Actively report and expose individuals or pages that celebrate genocide or call for the murder of civilians. Report them to social media platforms, employers, and legal authorities.
4. **Be Loud and Clear Online:** Maintain a strong, informed, and principled presence on social media that documents the daily war crimes and amplifies the voices of the oppressed.
5. **Support Broader Initiatives:** Stand behind efforts — legal, civic, humanitarian — that aim to bring an end to the bloodshed and restore the dignity and rights of the Palestinian people.

We pray for a swift end to this genocide, for the awakening of the global conscience and the resolve of nations to pursue decisive legal action, and for Allah’s mercy upon all who have been martyred, wounded, or displaced.

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