

# The red line is crossed - this horror must stop !

We have been silent for too long! We can no longer close our eyes on what is happening in Gaza, the Westbank and East Jerusalem. The government and the army of Israel are waging a horrific war against the population of Gaza, bombing hospitals, killing people waiting for food delivery, using starvation as weapons and now attacking staff residence and main warehouse of the WHO in Gaza.

The population in Westbank and East-Jerusalem is facing brutal attacks from right-wing settlers, and Israeli Defense Force (IDF) is not protecting and even sometime participating in the attacks.

The government of Israel is permanently violating international laws, there is an arrest warrant against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) - all states who signed the Rome Statue are obliged to fulfill the rules, including countries like Germany and Italy. We see it as a positive move, that 30 European and international partners have launched an urgent demand to end this war, while it is a shame, that countries like Germany are not among the signees.

## The red line is crossed now - immediate actions are required.

The Science4Peace Forum was founded to promote international scientific civilian and non-military exchange across all borders. We have protested strongly against exclusion of Russian and Belorussian scientists from international cooperations as a reaction of the war against Ukraine, which we strongly condemn. We insisted the cooperation in non-military, civilian areas must continue, in respect to international rules. However, if institutes could be directly in the war, crimes against humanity and the violation of international law, the cooperation cannot continue as is.

- We call for a detailed investigation, whether institutes are directly involved in the war against Gaza, Iran, Lebanon, Syria and call to halt all cooperation with those Israeli science institutes and companies. Scientific cooperation can only continue on the base of respect of international law and in a non-military and civilian field - civil clauses must be applied to avoid any complicity in crimes against humanity and the Geneva Conventions.
- We insist that the governments fulfill their obligations to respect international laws and to ensure that these laws are applied in all cooperations.
- We insist that all weapon deliveries to Israel are stopped immediately. We use of our international contacts and contacts to our Israeli colleagues to build a unified and international protest action against the war against Palestine. We fully support protests<sup>1</sup> from inside the Israeli academia against the inhuman, nationalistic and criminal behavior of the Israeli government and Israeli army.
- We, as Science4Peace Forum, call to support students and scientists from Palestine with special fellowship programs (short and longer term support) for a future perspective.

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<sup>1</sup> Harel, D. (2025). Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza and Securing the Release of Hostages - A National Moral Imperative, Black Flag action group