



# Türk Tabipleri Birliđi

Turkish Medical Association

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Dear President

Prof. Zion HAGAI

## Concerns Regarding the Ongoing Violent Situation in the Israel-Palestine Region

We, the Turkish Medical Association, the collective voice of medical professionals dedicated to upholding the principles of universal medical ethics, human rights, and humanitarianism, write to express our deep concern about the escalating violence in the Israel-Palestine region. The current situation has grave consequences not only for the immediate victims but also for the long-term health and well-being of the affected populations.

As medical professionals, our foremost commitment is to the well-being of our patients and the protection of human life, regardless of nationality, religion, or ethnicity. We believe it is our ethical responsibility to advocate for the rights and safety of all individuals, especially during times of conflict and humanitarian crisis.

We extend our concerns to the Israeli Medical Association, as our colleagues in the region, and request that they use their influence and expertise to:

- \* Advocate for the unhindered access of medical and humanitarian aid to those in need, irrespective of their location or affiliation. Promote the principle of medical neutrality, encourage local healthcare providers to provide care without discrimination to all individuals affected by the conflict.
- \* Urge all parties involved in the conflict to respect international humanitarian law, which mandates the protection of civilians and medical personnel in conflict zones.
- \* Encourage international bodies to facilitate dialogue and negotiations to reach a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

We understand the complexities of the historical and political context of the Israel-Palestine conflict but firmly believe that as medical professionals, we have a unique and moral duty to advocate for the sanctity of human life and the provision of medical care to those in need.

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We kindly request your support and immediate action to address the pressing issues in the region. We believe that your influential organizations can contribute significantly to mitigating the suffering of civilians and safeguarding the ethical principles of medical practice.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We are ready to engage in any collaborative efforts that will help ease the suffering of those affected by the ongoing violence in the Israel-Palestine region.

Sincerely,

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Turkish Medical Association  
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