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Message

On this solemn occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Bangladesh stands resolutely with the people of Palestine in their rightful struggle for self-determination and statehood. Our nation has always been steadfast in supporting a just solution that upholds the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, rooted in the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The call for self-determination resonates deeply with the people of Bangladesh, who recently experienced a People's Revolution. One of the most poignant images from the Revolution captures a sea of triumphant people, united in solidarity, with the flags of Bangladesh and Palestine kept side by side.

The ongoing violence by Israeli occupying forces in Gaza has inflicted unprecedented suffering, especially on women and children. UN Children and Armed Conflict reports indicate that in the past year alone, over five times more Palestinian children were killed in Gaza than in the entire period from 2005 to 2022.

This ongoing tragedy is a profound affront to humanity as a whole. Palestinians are not an expendable people, and those responsible for these atrocities must be held accountable. Bangladesh calls urgently for an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire to protect innocent lives, particularly women and children, who are most vulnerable in this conflict. The UN and the international community must act decisively to realize the two-state solution as the only viable path to lasting peace in the Middle East.

Bangladesh firmly believes that the illegal occupation of Palestinian land must end, allowing the Palestinian people their right to an independent state. This position was recently reinforced by the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion on July 19, 2024, declaring Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories unlawful and in violation of international law.

As we stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people today, Bangladesh reiterates its unwavering commitment to justice, freedom, peace, and supporting the Palestinian quest for the full realization of all of their inalienable rights, and aspirations to live a safe, stable and dignified life.

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