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The news that has been coming out of Gaza in the last few weeks has been harrowing, but developments in recent days are particularly concerning. A letter allegedly signed by 100 Israeli doctors (Ref 1) asking for Gaza hospitals to be bombed is unthinkable.

As doctors and medical professionals, we take the Hippocratic Oath, and the preservation of human life is paramount to what we do. It is horrifying to see that Israeli doctors seem to be advocating the opposite.

We urge the World Medical Association (WMA) to seek clarification on the Israeli doctors' statement that has been circulated on social media. If this is true, then condemnation is not enough; the Israel Medical Association should be expelled from the WMA for bringing this noble profession and the WMA into disrepute.

Furthermore, the Israeli government have been systematically attacking hospitals in the Gaza strip. By the 2nd November, 46% of the hospitals in Gaza, were unable to function, and intentionally targeting hospitals is a war crime.

Russia has been rightly condemned when attacking hospitals in Ukraine and Syria; Israeli should be similarly reprimanded. There is never an excuse for attacking medical facilities, home to the wounded and helpless and sanctuary to the displaced.

More than 136 doctors and other healthcare professionals have been killed as a result of these strikes (Ref 2). The international community must condemn these heinous war crimes unreservedly.

The Zionist Israeli state has been allegedly involved in the mass theft of Palestinian organs and skin without the consent of the their dead and their

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families. This deplorable act is not new and Israel admitted to this crime more than a decade ago (Ref 3). As recently as 2016, Israel admitted that it had “lost” the bodies of Palestinians, and detained the bodies of martyrs which violates international and humanitarian laws in its nature and practice (Ref 4).

The lack of consent for donating organs is grossly unethical and raises questions about the ethical standards of the medical profession in Israel.

The Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA) which represents health care providers in more than 42 countries demand an urgent investigation and clarification to the above unethical, immoral and medically reprehensible practices of the medical fraternity under the auspices of the Israeli Medical Association and condemn the inhumane killing and treatment of innocent lives and the destruction of healthcare infrastructure in Gaza, Palestine.

As healthcare professionals, we call for a ceasefire so that life-saving medicines and basic essentials like food, water, electricity and fuel can be restored and facilitate humanitarian organizations and medical professionals may enter to provide life-saving healthcare and assistance.

Kind regards,

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Ref 1

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-palestine-war-doctors-call-gaza-hospitals-bombed>

Ref 2

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/11/4/we-have-nothing-families-seek-safety-from-bombs-inside-gaza-hospitals#>

Ref 3


<https://amp.theguardian.com/world/2009/dec/21/israeli-pathologists-harvested-organs>

Ref 4

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https://medium.com/@ASII0_/debunking-the-worlds-largest-skin-bank-how-israelis-harvest-organs-without-consent-d8415b266a55

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