



HERE LIES HUMANITY*

After surviving the massacre that claimed the lives of twelve members of her family on January 13, 2024, 25-year-old photographer Fatma Hassouna was killed on April 16, becoming one of more than 200 journalists to date killed by Israeli strikes in Gaza.

As early as November 2023, 36 independent UN experts warned of a "genocide in the making" in the enclave, presenting evidence of a clear intention by Israeli leaders to destroy the Palestinian people and calling for a second Nakba.

Tragically, the international community passively watched the massacre unfold: by the end of the first month of Israeli bombardment, 11,078 had been killed, including 4,710 children.

We have repeatedly asked: "What is the life of a Palestinian worth?" Today, more than 50,000 are dead and over 115,000 wounded. Starvation is being used as a weapon; refugee camps and hospitals are being bombed; access to care, water, and electricity is being deliberately denied. More than 200 journalists have been killed, alongside over 400 social workers and more than 1,300 health professionals—despite basic international humanitarian law requiring their protection.

Although experts continue to call for an end to the massacres and the establishment of an immediate ceasefire, governments remain unresponsive. Worse still, the supply of arms to Israel continues, facilitated by many countries, while the monstrous death toll keeps rising.

Gaza – Where is the law?

War crimes, blockades, collective punishments, illegal settlements, apartheid. What is the International Criminal Court doing? EuroMed feminist Initiative last statement was titled "International Law Expires in the Ruins of Gaza." Today, we echo the title of French journalist Meriem Laribi's recent book¹, which denounces the dehumanisation of Palestinians—a tragic reflection of the hateful rhetoric used by some Israeli leaders who call them "human animals."

As Israeli bombardments intensify in the Palestinian enclave, where civilian displacement is reaching unprecedented levels, the UN Secretary-General António Guterres has sounded the alarm over the human and material toll of the conflict. Since the breakdown of the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in early March, civilian casualties have been mounting at a staggering rate. More than a thousand people, including hundreds of women and children, have been killed in Israeli raids and ground operations.

¹ *Ci-gît l'humanité Gaza, The Genocide and the Media, Opus of the journalist Meriem Laribi. Editions critiques 2025 France



As the international community attempts to relaunch diplomatic efforts to end hostilities, the UN Secretary-General reiterated his call for the immediate restoration of the ceasefire, and for unconditional and unhindered humanitarian access. "*Nothing can justify the collective punishment inflicted on the Palestinian people,*" he declared.

Every day that passes in Gaza, hundreds of people are killed by Israeli bombardments, with civilians suffering the greatest losses. Netanyahu and the State of Israel are flouting all basic rules of international law, particularly by obstructing the delivery of any humanitarian or food aid to the enclave.

EuroMed Feminist Initiative join our voices to those demanding an immediate return to international law, the only path to **finally ending** the ongoing carnage and the forced displacement of tens of thousands of Palestinians.