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Open letter to the UN

The Asia Pacific Pediatric Association in representing paediatricians in 23 Asia Pacific countries hereby urge the United Nations to take steps to stop the current aggression against the Palestinians and prevent more illegal Israeli occupation of what remains of Palestine.

In the last week, we have witnessed what has intermittently been happening in different parts of Palestine, with the latest forcible expulsion of Palestinians from their homes in Sheikh Jabbar neighbourhood and the subsequent attack of the sacred Al Aqsa mosque in East Jerusalem, the previous Muslim quarter of the city.

All of these happening towards the end of Ramadhan when many Muslims would like to solidify their faith and prepare for the Eid celebrations is tantamount to aggression of the cruelest nature.

The subsequent destruction of Gaza that followed was just the culmination of a systematic attack on Palestine with total disregard for world opinion.

We the members of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA), in solidarity with the International Pediatric Association (IPA) urge the United Nations to intervene politically, economically and militarily, if need be, to these incursions on human rights.

The suffering resulting from these forced evictions and acts of violence is most felt by the most vulnerable, the children. In representing the voices of children and their family units that have been destroyed, we want an end to this decades old occupation and stop the toxic stress that has been inflicted on all Palestinians, especially the children.

As with other nations and organizations that have voiced similar concerns, we too condemn these acts of aggression and illegal occupation of Palestinian lands.