

PRESS STATEMENT

The Connolly Youth Movement condemns this morning's massacre by the Israeli state of Palestinian people. This morning's indiscriminate air strikes against Gaza, one of the most densely populated areas in the world, have greatly increased the suffering of the people in Palestine. So far 145 people have been murdered and 150 have been injured by the Israeli state, though these figures are sure to rise.

While the Palestinian people are well used to living under under Israeli siege and under Israeli attacks, this morning's air strikes, which Israel has described as only the beginning of its operations, were particularly savage. For eighteen months the Israelis have kept the Gaza strip under siege, leading to fuel and food shortages in the area. It has now added to this misery with the blood and mayhem of its air strikes.

The world must condemn the terrorist and criminal actions of the Israeli state. The terrorist state of Israel must be held to account for their actions. Until the Palestinian people are given their own independent state, until Israel and its backers in Washington realise the right of the Palestinian people to live free from terror, there cannot and will not be peace in Palestine, or in the wider Arab world. Israel must take a step back, before it inflicts more misery and suffering on the Palestinians.

The Connolly Youth Movement calls for an immediate end to all aggression and attacks by the Israeli terrorist state against the Palestinian people. The CYM calls for the end of Israeli occupation and the creation of an independent Palestinian state, whose borders and sovereignty are respected.

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