

ArAPD statement on the Gaza Crisis

The Arabian Academy of Paediatric Dentistry condemns the killing of all civilians especially children who have the right to live and flourish in peace. The ArAPD, therefore, condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the brutal and indiscriminate bombardment of innocent civilian and children in Gaza which so far has caused the death of over 11000 civilians, half of which are children. The U.N. described Gaza as a graveyard for children with 1 child killed every 10 min. The images and videos emerging from Gaza of injured, killed, and terrorised children are heartbreaking and gravely concerning. The death of newborn children as a direct result of lack of fuel is heartbreaking and in no way should be allowed to continue.

The ArAPD would like to call for an immediate ceasefire to allow humanitarian aid to reach all civilians in the Gaza strip. The ArAPD would also like to call upon all international children organisations including the American Academy of Paediatric Dentistry, The International Association of Paediatric Dentistry and the European Academy of Paediatric Dentistry to support the innocent children of Gaza and to call for immediate ceasefire.

The ArAPD is also concerned for the lives and health of all dentists and healthcare professionals living in Gaza who are struggling to support the sick and injured innocent civilians. The ArAPD would also like to call upon all healthcare and academic organisations to provide support to all medical and dental students and staff with families living in Gaza amidst such tough times.

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