

## ALDA Condemns the ongoing human rights violations in Palestine and Lebanon, and Calls for an immediate ceasefire

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As ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy, we are utterly dismayed by the continuous display and escalation of unjustifiable violence and loss of life in Gaza the West Bank, as well as Lebanon. Aligned with our core values and unwavering commitment to human rights, we firmly condemn these current atrocities, and we stand in support of the ongoing investigation aiming to unveil the truth behind this alarming escalation deemed as genocide.

ALDA unequivocally calls upon Israeli authorities to strictly adhere to **International Law**. The staggering constant increase of civilian victims, including women, children, aid workers, medical staff, journalists, and other civilians is humanly unacceptable, and represents a **blatant violation of human rights**.

We express grave concern following reports from numerous humanitarian NGOs and the United Nations, that confirm the dire situation of food insecurity and the **famine** among the Gazan population, as well as the worsening conditions faced by Palestinians in the West Bank.

We also denounce the massive targeting of the highly populated areas in Lebanon by the Israeli army. As more than 2000 people have been killed in the last two weeks, villages in the South have been **erased** and **more than a million people displaced**, we deplore the ongoing violence perpetrated against the Lebanese people and the **violation of Lebanon's sovereignty**.

**We urgently call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.** Furthermore, we advocate for a long-term solution based on peaceful coexistence, supported by international institutions, that will allow all Palestinians and Israelis, as well as Lebanese people, to live in dignity.

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