

Time to call Israel Terrorist

UN chief: Gaza faces 'humanitarian catastrophe'

Palestinians vow not to leave homeland

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The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman has censured the ongoing Israeli onslaught in the besieged Gaza Strip, stating that the international community must designate the occupying Tel Aviv regime as a "terrorist entity" and put its leaders on trial over war crimes against Pales-

tinians.

In a post published on his X account on Saturday, Nasser Kanaani denounced the appalling Israeli atrocities against Palestinians and threats of bombardment of hospitals in the Gaza Strip, according to Press TV.

"Following the catastrophic attacks on the al-Ahli Arab hospital, mosques, schools, and the

Greek Orthodox church in Gaza, the Zionist regime has threatened to pound other hospitals in Gaza!" he wrote.

Kanaani said that such horrendous crimes amount to a morally shameful scandal for the governments that have long provided unconditional support to the Zionist regime while preaching to others about human rights.

'Godawful nightmare' in Gaza: UN

UN Chief Antonio Guterres pleaded Saturday for a "humanitarian cease-fire" in the war between Israel and Hamas that has devastated much of Gaza, demanding "action to end this godawful nightmare". Addressing a Cairo summit as the conflict raged into its third week, Guterres said the Palestinian enclave of 2.4 million people was living through "a humanitarian catastrophe," with thousands dead and more than a million displaced, AFP reported. "We meet in the heart of a region that is reeling in pain and one step from the precipice," he told the meeting that included the leaders of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and the United Arab Emirates as well as of Italy and Spain and Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas. However, the absence of Israel and senior US

officials at the meeting undermined any prospect of halting an escalating war.

The bloodshed began on October 7 when Hamas resistance fighters killed at least 1,400 people and took more than 200 captives, according to Israeli officials.

Israel has hit back with a relentless bombing campaign, killing more than 4,300 Palestinians, mainly civilians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, and cut off supplies of water, electricity, fuel, and food.

US President Joe Biden and his top aides have been urging Israeli leaders against carrying out any major strike against Hezbollah, the powerful resistance movement in Lebanon that could draw it into the Israel-Hamas war, according to New York Times.

PA: 'We will not leave'

Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas stressed his demand for a two-state solution and an "end to Israel's occupation" and rejected what he has warned could be a "second Nakba" — a reference to the more than 760,000 Palestinians who fled or were driven from their lands during the creation of the state of Israel.

"We will not leave," he repeated three times at the end of his speech at the Cairo Peace Summit.

During the event, Jordan's King Abdullah II called for "an immediate end to the war on Gaza" and condemned what he labeled "global silence" on Palestinian death and suffering.

Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi argued that the "only solution" to the Israeli-Palestinian con-

flict is "justice" and said that "Palestinians must realize their legitimate rights to self-determination" and have "an independent state on their land". Cairo and Amman have repeatedly rejected calls for large numbers of refugees to enter Egypt from Gaza, warning that a "forced displacement" of Palestinians would lead to the "eradication of the Palestinian cause".

Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan condemned "unconditional military aid to Israel which only serves to maintain the occupation," while Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan condemned the failure of the UN Security Council to pass a resolution calling for a cease-fire after a US veto.

Protesters around world demand end to war on Gaza



Demonstrators hold up flags and placards during a pro-Palestinian demonstration in London, on October 21, 2023.

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