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Not Weapons and Wars
Work for Peace and Justice**

CEASEFIRE NOW – Only Justice for Palestinians can bring Peace for Israelis

As the violence of the Israeli military in Gaza and the West Bank escalates, Women in Black Brighton call for an immediate ceasefire and for strengthened regional and international diplomatic and nonviolent means of securing peace for the people of Palestine and Israel. This is the only way out of the tragic decades of violence experienced by Palestinian and Israeli people, especially women and children.

We condemn all rape and sexual violence against women and girls, and call for immediate release of wrongly imprisoned Palestinians, as well as Israeli hostages.

Women in Black was founded by women in Jerusalem in 1988 and has spread around the world. We give heartfelt solidarity to all Israeli and Palestinian activists and conscientious objectors working for a ceasefire, peace and justice, with safety, democracy and equality for all Jewish and non-Jewish people living in this region and across the Middle East.

Wars and armed conflicts continue to rage in Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, Congo and many other parts of the world. Wars feed climate destruction. The climate crisis escalates, with increasingly extreme forest fires, flooding, melting glaciers, hurricanes and droughts in the past year. The ongoing conflicts and patriarchal violence and militarism that accompany them on all sides are fuelled by various governments, companies, and profiteers who feed nationalism, state and terrorist violence and corruption. **War is a failure for humanity and for the planet.** It is fuelled by the immoral arms trade and by flawed policies that seek security through military might.

We believe that the full, equal and effective involvement of women in peacemaking processes is the way to end wars and conflicts. ***“Without direct input from women, without the recognition of the gendered impact of armed conflict on women, and without the acknowledgement of women’s roles in all aspects of their society, peace responses will fall short and therefore lack the prospect for truth, stability and security.” ICRC.***

To the Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA

Dear Prime Minister,

Greatly disturbed by the on-going violence in Gaza and the West Bank, I appeal to the British Government to support the initiative at the International Court of Justice by South Africa against the State of Israel concerning violations under The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in Gaza. I also call for an independent international investigation into the sexual violence and abuse committed on 7 October by Hamas, and against women and girls held in Israel and Palestine. I call for the UK government to:

- End the arms trade between the UK, Israel and other entities involved in violence in Gaza.
- Seek justice for Israeli and Palestinian victims of Hamas and Israel’s militarism, and actively work to end illegal Israeli settlements and Settler violence, arbitrary detentions, forced evictions and ethnic cleansing.

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Women in Black Brighton & Hove hold vigils every Friday between 1-2pm at the War Memorial in Old Steine. Contact brightonwib@11qp.co.uk. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war. See womeninblack.org for details of other vigils in Britain and the rest of the world.

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