

## **PSI demands peace in Gaza!**

The killing of civilians; women and children must stop. All parties involved must lay down their arms. Israel must immediately ensure that aid shipments reach the population. Hamas must release the hostages.

We condemn Hamas's attacks on civilians in Israel on October 7, 2023. However, Israel's military response has been disproportionate and led to a humanitarian collapse. Tens of thousands of civilians, many of them women and children, have been killed. The attacks on infrastructure have worsened the situation: only four hospitals are currently partially functional in all of Gaza. Medical personnel work without access to fuel, medicine, or security. They operate on children without anesthesia. They save lives - while their own families are killed.

It has now been over a year and a half since the war in Gaza began, following Hamas' attack on Israel on October 7, 2023. The situation in Gaza is beyond critical. Israel has blocked aid deliveries into Gaza for ten weeks—shortages of food, medicine, and other essential supplies are affecting more and more people with each passing day.

As part of the global trade union movement, we have condemned the ongoing war crimes throughout the conflict and supported Gaza's public health workers by raising awareness of their situation in international forums.

Medical personnel and emergency services support society and protect the most basic human rights. We condemn the attacks on these professional groups. It is a crime and a moral disaster.

We condemn the war crimes that have been committed.

PSI demands:

1. A permanent ceasefire, and the attacks on medical personnel, emergency services, and aid workers immediately cease.
2. Immediate, safe, and unrestricted access for humanitarian aid into Gaza and to the Palestinian population and an immediate end to the blockade.
3. Termination of the continuous displacement, deportation, and removal of the population.
4. Protection of civilians and public servants, including aid workers and journalists, in accordance with international law and UN convention.
5. UNRWA Humanitarian aid - water, electricity, medicine, fuel - be allowed in immediately.
6. The immediate release of the hostages.