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Since the Israel attack on Gaza on November 14th, 2012, we witnessed that the number of dead and injured who were delivered to the Al-Shifa hospital reached 350 within 3 days. Among them, child casualties are 137 and majority of the victims are women including pregnant women and unarmed ordinary citizens.

Many media and professional researchers pointed out that the Israel attack was planned to draw attention and to attract vote for the up-coming national election in Israel. Such an action makes light of human lives in Gaza and is totally unacceptable. Furthermore, we protest against the government of the United States of America that prioritises its own economy, politics, and power at the sacrifice of the lives of innocent people in Gaza. Lastly, we demand the Japanese government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to fulfil its own responsibility as a member of international society.

We demand the Government of Israel to:

- Comply with International Law and stop aggression over Gaza immediately
- Lift the siege, checkpoints, blockages and all the inhumane devices, and guarantee people in Gaza mobility and decent life in peace.
- Stop expanding settlements in the Palestinian land that is determined by the United Nations resolution, and return the land, water, and all the resources taken from Palestinians.

We demand the U.S. Government to:

- Urge the Israeli government to immediately stop the aggression over Gaza, and save lives of innocent people in Gaza.
- Stop providing arms and supporting Israel for the sake of political and economical benefit.
- Confirm the ethical principle that life should be highly prioritized over politics. Promote non-violent measures and dialogues to solve disputes.

We demand Japanese Government to:

- Recognize that keeping silence is an act of permitting this violence.
- As an independent member state of the international society, urge Israeli government to immediately stop the aggression over Gaza.

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