HEALTHCARE MUST ALWAYS BE PROTECTED AND ALSO UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

There is a <u>humanitarian</u> and <u>health</u> catastrophe in Gaza (Occupied Palestinian Territory).

The deliberate <u>targeting</u> of health care providers and health facilities, including evacuation orders, and the <u>blocking of the provision</u> of life saving services, medical supplies, water, fuel, food, and aid for civilians is creating a health and humanitarian catastrophe that amounts to war crimes.

The HJI supports the widespread and global calls for, among others, an URGENT ceasefire and humanitarian truce, to also include the "continuous, sufficient and unhindered" provision of lifesaving supplies (as voted on by a majority of countries at the <u>UN General Assembly</u> on 26 October 2023).

We also support the call for an end to Israel's colonial and apartheid occupation of Palestine.

The international health community has a duty to act. A genocide is unfolding.

