

Subject: Immediate Humanitarian Imperative - It's Not The Children's War

His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar,

We, parents and families of abducted children in Gaza, write to you with a heavy heart, fueled by an unwavering belief in the power of humanity to make a difference in the face of unspeakable atrocities. It is a plea for your help, your compassion, and your determination to end injustice suffering. We must act to rescue the lives of our children, whose futures hang in the balance with each passing hour.

On October 7th, 246 individuals were forcibly taken into Gaza, including 32 children. These children are our own, as vulnerable as a 9-month-old baby, a 3-year-old girl, an 8-year-old boy, in dire circumstances. Our hearts are consumed with worry and anguish. No one should be able to accept the reality of such a situation.

This letter is not about fighting terrorism, it's not about the war or the conflict, its not about politics. It is about our shared humanity at it's very core.

Our abducted children were torn from their homes, their toys, their friends, and their families. These innocent souls, for the past 37 days, have been waking up every day to a nightmare, one that no child should endure. **The soul of a child differs from that of an adult.** It is the world's sacred duty to protect the innocent and shield the vulnerable. The distressing images and words we witness today evoke memories of darker times, times that we, humanity as a collective, had hoped to leave behind.

Enclosed with this letter is a petition signed by 86 Nobel laureates and a legal document signed by numerous world-renowned legal experts. They unequivocally declare that the abduction of children constitutes a war crime and a crime against humanity, demanding their immediate release.

Under your esteemed leadership, Qatar has defied despair, instilling hope in a situation that initially appeared hopeless. Amidst the specter of extinguished futures for our abducted children, you have provided a glimmer of hope. For this we are grateful.

The imperative now is to save the children. We ask for your help, we plead for your assistance.

The world cannot allow the captivity of innocent children. Humanity cannot tolerate such extreme evil and malevolence. This issue transcends the boundaries of war and geopolitics. Many red lines have been crossed since October 7th, but this is the black line that cannot be crossed.

The abduction and captivity of children not only constitute inhuman acts but also run counter to Islamic values and imperatives. There exists an undeniable moral obligation to denounce, resist, prevent, and halt such acts - an obligation rooted in religious doctrine and human morality.

Failing to oppose this action would plunge humanity into the abyss; Silence is not an option. The children must not endure this ordeal any longer.

We beseech Your Highness to leverage your profound influence and expedite decisive action. Your unique position affords you the capacity to lead a global response. More than anyone else, you possess the power to transform this plea into a reality. We implore you to champion this cause, one that transcends political affiliations and resonates with the fundamental values of humanity.

The emancipation of these children, these innocent and vulnerable young souls, stands as an unparalleled opportunity to not only secure their freedom but also to catalyze positive strides towards resolving the humanitarian crisis. This pivotal act serves as a cornerstone, offering a valuable opening to initiate comprehensive measures that can lay the foundation for a brighter future.

May your voice serve as the beacon of hope, illuminating the path to a better world.

Sincerely,

Families of abducted children

The global initiative to free
abducted children

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