

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

His Excellency President Recep Tayyip Erdogan,

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 rescue the lives of our children, whose futures hang in the balance with each passing hour.

On October 7th, 247 individuals were forcibly taken into Gaza, including more than 30 children. These children are our own, as vulnerable as a 9-month-old baby, a 3-year-old girl, or an 8-year-old boy in dire circumstances. No one should be able to accept the reality of such a situation. These are our sons and daughters, and our hearts are consumed with worry and anguish.

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 26 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.

Please, the children must be saved. We ask for your assistance, we plea for your help.

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.

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 in the past 26 days, but this is the black line that cannot be crossed. 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 implore you to use your immense influence and demand swift action. Your unique position allows you to spearhead the global response. We urge you to champion this cause that transcends politics and is rooted in the values of humanity.

Your voice can be the beacon of hope that illuminates the path to a better world.

Sincerely,

Families of abducted children in Gaza