

## **The Palestine Red Crescent Society Strongly Condemns the Bombardment of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza**

(17.10.2023) The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) is appalled and horrified by the bombardment of Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza, which led to the killing of hundreds of civilians including women, children, health care professionals, and internally displaced people seeking safe shelter.

PRCS has been calling for days on the international community to intervene to pressure Israel to rescind the evacuation orders for hospitals. The hospitals in Gaza have received numerous explicit written threats from the Israeli Occupation Forces, including PRCS Al Quds Hospital- which received these threats repeatedly three times.

This war crime comes despite frequent declarations and pleas by these hospitals that these orders are impossible to implement, and that they constitute a death sentence for patients- as stated by WHO.

PRCS urgently calls upon the entire international community to strongly intervene to stop this continuous bombardment of the Gaza Strip. We urge every human being to stand up, to act, and to safeguard their fellow human beings. The ongoing assault on Gaza must cease immediately. Medical facilities and personnel must be protected, as well as civilians, in accordance with the International Humanitarian Law. The silence of the international community only emboldens such acts and increases the danger to the lives of innocent civilians.

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