

Doctors to observe 'Black Day' today against Israeli attack on hospital

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ISLAMABAD: As Caretaker Health Minister Dr Nadeem Jan condemned the Israeli attack on a hospital in Gaza in which 800 people, including children, were killed, a number of doctors' organisations in the country on Wednesday announced to observe 'Black Day' on Thursday (today) to express solidarity with the Palestinians.

The minister in a statement said that Pakistan was ready to send medical assistance, such as medicines and medical teams, to Palestine.

He said the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was being taken on board to perform relief activities.

Meanwhile, Pakistani doctors' organisations have announced 'Black Day' on October 19 (today) throughout the country in protest against Israel's atrocities in Gaza and over the world's silence.

Different doctors' associations have stated that Israel has crossed all boundaries in the current Gaza offensive.

"The Israeli bombardment of al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza is a clear violation of the Geneva Convention. In protest, Pakistani doctors and medical staff will wear black arm bands and hold demonstrations today," says a joint statement issued by Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) President Dr Abdul Aziz Memon, PIMA former president Professor Dr Sohail Akhtar, **Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) Central General Secretary Dr Abdul Ghafur Shoro,** PMA former general secretary Dr Qaiser Sajjad and Dr Faisal of the Young Doctors Association (YDA).

The statement further added that the Geneva Convention clearly articulated that in a war situation, healthcare facilities, healthcare workers and medical aid would not be disturbed.

"Israel, on the other hand, has deprived the suffering Palestinians in Gaza of the necessary medical aid," they added.

The doctors demanded that the Pakistani government condemn Israeli barbarism in its severest form and send medical and humanitarian aid to Gaza immediately, as the healthcare structure in Gaza was shattered and both; medical aid and human resources were exhausted already.

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Israel war crimes: Doctors to observe Black Day today

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People search for victims and survivors following an Israeli strike on the town of Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip on October 18 2023. — AFP

LAHORE: Pakistani doctors' organisations have announced 'Black Day' on October 19 (today) throughout the country in protest against Israel's war crimes in Gaza and the world's criminal silence. Doctors and medical staff will wear black armbands and hold demonstrations against the heinous act of Israeli forces.

Different doctors' associations stated that Israel has crossed all limits in Gaza. The Israeli bombardment of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza is a clear violation of the Geneva Convention. President of Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) Dr Abdul Aziz Memon, former president Prof Dr Sohail Akhtar, **central general secretary of Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) Dr Abdul Ghafoor Shoro,** former general secretary PMA Dr Qaiser Sajjad and Dr Faisal of the Young Doctors Association (YDA) jointly stated in a press release on Wednesday that, Geneva Convention clearly stated that in war situation the healthcare facilities, and medical aid would not be disturbed. "Israel on the other hand actually deprived the suffering Palestinians in Gaza of the necessary medical aid".

https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1120540-israel-war-crimes-doctors-to-observe-black-day-today



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"Isreal on the other hand has actually deprived the suffering Palestinians in Gaza of the necessary medical aid". Yesterday it carried the most un-imaginable act of barbarism by bombarding Baptist Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, killing hundreds of patients and civilians who were taking refuge in and around the hospital.

Medical organizations asked the UNO and WHO, and also the Pakistani and other Governments: Why on earth is Israel allowed to continue its criminal acts, and why the world bodies and governments do not stop the blatant killing of innocent civilians.

Doctors demanded from the Pakistani government to condemn the Israeli barbarism in severest form and send medical and humanitarian aid to Gaza immediately as the health care structure in Gaza is broken and both medical aid and human resources are exhausted already.

https://www.bolnews.com/latest/2023/10/bombing-on-hospital-doctors-to-observe-black-day-on-oct-19/



'Black Day' observed by Pakistani doctors in solidarity with Gaza

Pakistan's Medical Community Unites to Condemn Gaza Humanitarian Crisis, Calls for Global Response



KARACHI: <u>Pakistani doctors</u>' organizations have declared October 19 as a 'Black <u>Day</u>' to register their protest. The medical community in Pakistan condemns Israel's alleged war crimes and demands immediate global intervention.

Various <u>doctors</u>' associations have strongly criticized Israel for its alleged disregard of international norms during the ongoing <u>Gaza</u> offensive. The recent Israeli bombardment of Al-Ahli Hospital in <u>Gaza</u>, which resulted in significant casualties, has been particularly decried as a blatant violation of the Geneva Convention.

In response, <u>Pakistani doctors</u> and medical staff are set to wear <u>black</u> bands and organize demonstrations today to draw attention to the dire situation in <u>Gaza</u> and the violation of humanitarian principles.

Prominent leaders of medical associations including President of Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) Dr. Abdul Aziz Memon, former president Prof Dr. Sohail Akhtar, Central General Secretary of the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) Dr. Abdul Ghafur Shoro, Dr. Qaiser Sajjad, and Dr. Faisal issued a joint press release on Wednesday. They cited the Geneva Convention, which unequivocally safeguards healthcare facilities, workers, and access to medical aid during times of conflict.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Memon, speaking on behalf of the medical community, expressed dismay, stating, "Israel has, on the contrary, deprived the suffering Palestinians in <u>Gaza</u> of the essential medical aid they urgently require." The recent attack on Baptist Al Ahli Hospital in <u>Gaza</u>, which claimed the lives of numerous patients and innocent civilians taking refuge in and around the facility, has been described as an unimaginable act of barbarism.

Medical organizations have called upon international bodies such as the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as the <u>Pakistani</u> government and other governments worldwide, to take immediate action. They question why Israel is allowed to continue such actions with impunity and demand an end to the blatant killing of innocent civilians.

<u>Doctors</u> are urging the <u>Pakistani</u> government to strongly condemn what they perceive as Israeli barbarism and to dispatch medical and humanitarian assistance to <u>Gaza</u> without delay. The healthcare infrastructure in <u>Gaza</u> has been severely damaged, and both medical supplies and human resources are critically depleted.

https://www.dentalnewspk.com/19-Oct-2023/black-day-observed-by-pakistani-doctors-in-solidarity-with-gaza