

Brev med erklæring fra otte biskopper om krigen i Gaza: Krigen i Gaza har for længst passeret alle rimelige proportioner

English version below the Danish.

Pressemeddelelse den 18. juni 2025. Linket findes her.

Vi ser med forfærdelse på den forværrede situation i Gaza og Israels tiltagende fremfærd på Vestbredden.

Vi opfordrer derfor den danske regering til at lægge pres på den israelske regering til at efterkomme de mange internationale krav om at indstille krigshandlingerne i Gaza øjeblikkeligt og samarbejde om at få mere nødhjælp ind i Gaza.

Vi støtter de kraftige protester mod de fortsatte og ulovlige bosættelser i de besatte områder og støtter bestræbelserne på, at forskellige befolkningsgrupper – herunder kristne – der har en lang og legitim tradition for at leve i Israel og de besatte palæstinensiske selvstyreområder, kan leve fredeligt sammen.

Vi opfordrer til, at alle nødhjælps- og civilsamfundsorganisationer samarbejder om at afhjælpe den akutte nød og på længere sigt for fred og forsoning, og vi opfordrer til, at Hamas straks frigiver de kidnappede gidsler.

Vi afviser den såkaldt kristne zionisme, der bruges som religiøs understøttelse af illegale bosættelser og fordrivelse af ikke-jøder fra de palæstinensiske områder.

Vi appellerer til, at vores egen og andre landes regeringer

anerkender palæstinenserne ret til frihed og retfærdighed og retten til at blive inddraget i opbygningen af en varig fred med staten Israel, så både palæstinensere og israelere kan leve et værdigt liv.

Vi tager på det kraftigste afstand fra ethvert misbrug af religion til at begrunde overgreb på mennesker – herunder krigsforbrydelser. Vores tanker og forbøn går til alle ofre i denne konflikt – herunder det kristne palæstinensiske mindretal, som i årevis har arbejdet for forsoning, retfærdighed og fred.

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English:

Danish Bishops Denounce the Israeli War in Gaza and Actions In The West Bank

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June 20, 2025 (EIRNS)–COPENHAGEN– The institutional silence is

beginning to be broken in Denmark against the Israeli genocide in Gaza.

1. The following press release was issued on June 18, 2025. The signers include eight of the ten Danish bishops from the Lutheran state church.

Headline: "Letter with statement from eight bishops on the war in Gaza

The war in Gaza has long since passed all reasonable proportions"

Text: "We view with horror the deteriorating situation in Gaza and Israel's escalating actions in the West Bank.

We therefore urge the Danish government to put pressure on the Israeli government to comply with the many international demands to immediately cease hostilities in Gaza and to cooperate in getting more emergency aid into Gaza.

We support the strong protests against the continued and illegal settlements in the occupied territories and support efforts to enable different population groups—including Christians—who have a long and legitimate tradition of living in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, to live together in peace.

We call on all humanitarian and civil society organizations to cooperate in alleviating the acute need and, in the longer term, for peace and reconciliation, and we call on Hamas to immediately release the kidnapped hostages.

We reject so-called Christian Zionism, which is used as a religious justification for illegal settlements and the expulsion of non-Jews from the Palestinian territories.

We appeal to our own and other countries' governments to recognize the Palestinians' right to freedom and justice and their right to be involved in building a lasting peace with the State of Israel, so that both Palestinians and Israelis can live a dignified life.

We strongly condemn any misuse of religion to justify assault against people, including war crimes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all victims of this conflict, including the Christian Palestinian minority, which has worked for years for reconciliation, justice, and peace."

Signed on June 17, 2025, by Peter Skov-Jakobsen, Bishop of the Diocese of Copenhagen; Marianne Christiansen, Bishop of the Diocese of Haderslev; Henrik Stubkjær, Bishop of the Diocese of Viborg; Peter Birch, Bishop of the Diocese of Helsingør; Mads Davidsen, Bishop of the Diocese of Fyn; Marianne Gaarden, Bishop of the Diocese of Lolland-Falster; Henrik Wigh-Poulsen, Bishop of the Diocese of Aarhus; and Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen, Bishop of the Diocese of Aalborg.