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Perdaus Calls for Global Action, Solidarity, and Prayer in Pursuit of Peace and Justice in the Middle East

- 1 As the official death toll in Gaza tragically surpasses 41,800, this week marks a sombre year of enduring violence, with hopes for peace still elusive. We in Perdaus reaffirm our call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and stand by our commitment to humanitarian values, peace, and stability in the region.
- 2 The recent military strikes in the Middle East have tragically claimed hundreds of lives. We echo the government's call to strengthen the UN's capacity to uphold peace and security. The ongoing violence highlights the need for a robust multilateral system that enforces international law and protects innocent lives. By reaffirming the UN Charter and reinforcing international institutions, the global community can better address conflicts and work towards lasting peace.¹
- 3 We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families affected in Lebanon and Gaza. At this critical moment, we reiterate our steadfast commitment to advocating for peaceful solutions in the Middle East and beyond. The attacks continue to inflict immense suffering, economic hardship, and a growing refugee crisis.
- 4 We encourage Singaporeans and people around the world to continue taking compassionate and meaningful actions:
 - **Donate:** Support humanitarian aid for affected populations in Palestine, Lebanon, and other conflict zones. We ask that you continue supporting organisations like RLAF, Mercy Relief and Humanity Matters in their

¹ <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/vivian-balakrishnan-singapore-mfa-United-nations-general-assembly-4645421>

fundraising appeals.

- **Be Informed:** Educate ourselves on the complexities of the conflict and seek accurate and credible sources of information. Continue to keep abreast of developments and encourage others to take an active interest in being aware of what's happening.
 - **Show Support:** Show your support for peace and justice by participating in initiatives that seek to encourage global powers to respect international law and seek peaceful solutions, while standing in solidarity with the innocent civilians trapped in this endless cycle of violence.
 - **Pray:** Never underestimate the power of du'a. Join us in prayer for justice, peace, and the protection of innocent lives. As a community of faith and devotion, we turn to Allah to bring peace, justice and relief.
 - **Pause and Reflect:** Take a moment to disconnect, and use that time to intensify our prayers, as the disturbing, graphic images, and news of the grim reality on the ground, can take a heavy toll on our mental health.
- 5 Now, more than ever, we call upon the international community to unite in upholding international law and protecting the most vulnerable. Together, let us build towards a world where peace and justice prevail.

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