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### **Immediate Permanent Ceasefire and Sustained Opening of Borders Essential for Humanitarian Aid in Gaza**

Perdaus, a Muslim charity dedicated to inspiring consciousness and nurturing lives, renews our call for an immediate permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the urgent and sustained re-opening of its borders for humanitarian aid.

The eight-month long conflict in Gaza has caused untold suffering for the civilian population. Deaths and injuries continue to rise, with women and children suffering disproportionately. Borders and land crossings remain closed, and the severely restricted access to humanitarian aid mean that Gaza is experiencing a man-made famine. The latest attacks in Rafah and on the Nuseirat refugee camp exacerbate the situation even further.

We urge the international community to facilitate a permanent ceasefire and open Gaza's borders in a sustained manner for humanitarian aid. The people of Gaza need immediate assistance, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure aid reaches them without delay.

Perdaus stands in solidarity with Gaza and call on governments, international organisations, and civil society to act swiftly and decisively.

As a society, merely witnessing eight months of violence in Gaza stir deep emotions of helplessness. We urge Singaporeans to continue giving their support to Gaza, especially in donating to Mercy Relief's Palestinian Fund. Your donation will support emergency relief efforts and provide essential supplies. To donate, please visit Mercy Relief's website at <https://www.mercyrelief.org>.

For Muslims in Singapore, we encourage Muslims to continue praying for Palestine, especially during the Day of Arafah (16 June 2024 local calendar). As a community of faith and devotion, we believe that this sacred day is the best day for supplication to the Almighty.

And as for families, we urge parents to continue engaging their children on the issue and reiterating the importance of humanity, compassion and resilience. By doing so, we can nurture a compassionate and resilient society as Singaporeans.

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