

International Jurists Union Statement

The Annual General Assembly of the International Jurists Union (IJU) convened in Balıkesir, Turkey, from January 12-14, 2024. Throughout the assembly, in-depth discussions transpired regarding the administration and financial reports, culminating in unanimous approval.

The inaugural session addressed pertinent global issues, directing attention to the situations in Syria, Iraq, Myanmar, the Philippines, and other regions. The IJU reaffirmed its steadfast dedication to global justice, accentuating support for all individuals regardless of their race, religion, belief, or ethnicity.

A pivotal element of the program spotlighted an international panel on Palestine. Members actively engaged with presentations and testimonials spotlighting the ongoing Israeli aggression in Gaza. The session delved into the legal aspects of the situation, contemplating strategies to support Palestinians. The IJU pledged to alleviate their suffering and expose Israeli violations of international law.

1. Support for the right of people to resist occupation while rejecting all forms of oppression:

The IJU champions the inherent right of the Palestinian people, in accordance with international law to resist occupation, emphasizing the importance of self-determination and sovereignty. It firmly rejects any form of oppression, highlighting the fundamental principle that all people deserve the right to live free from subjugation. The IJU calls for solidarity in supporting those striving for independence and autonomy in the face of occupation.

2. Full support for Palestinians facing Israeli genocide and war crimes:

The IJU unequivocally stands in full support of the Palestinian people who are confronting Israeli acts of genocide and war crimes. It emphasizes the urgency of addressing the humanitarian crisis in the region, urging the international community to take decisive actions to hold those responsible for these atrocities accountable under international law.

3. Condemnation of Israeli crimes with rejection of any excuses to continue them:

The IJU strongly condemns the crimes committed by the Israeli government and categorically rejects any justifications put forth to perpetuate these offences. It calls for a thorough examination of the actions of the Israeli authorities and advocates for accountability to ensure that such violations do not go unpunished.

4. Call for an immediate ceasefire, withdrawal of all Israeli troops from Gaza, and the lifting of Gaza's blockade for unconditional rebuilding:

In light of the escalating conflict, the IJU urgently calls for an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of all Israeli troops from Gaza. Simultaneously, it advocates for the lifting of the blockade on Gaza to facilitate unimpeded reconstruction efforts. The IJU emphasizes the critical need for humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population, particularly women, children, elderly and vulnerable people, in the aftermath of the conflict.

5. Call for international support for South Africa's case in the International Court of Justice (ICJ):

The IJU calls upon the international community to rally behind South Africa's case in the International Court of Justice. It emphasizes the significance of collective support in addressing legal matters that hold implications for justice, equality, and human rights on a global scale.

6. Request to the ICJ for a permanent order to halt all military operations in Gaza:

The IJU formally requests the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to issue a permanent order to cease all military operations in Gaza. This proactive step aims to provide a legal framework for establishing peace in the region and preventing further human suffering resulting from armed conflicts.

7. Call to the International Criminal Court (ICC) to accept cases related to war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Israelis:

The IJU urges the International Criminal Court (ICC) to accept cases related to war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by individuals associated with the Israeli government. It underscores the importance of holding those responsible accountable and ensuring that justice is served on an international level.

8. Urgent appeal to international organizations and institutes to collaborate for ending the suffering in Gaza:

Recognising the urgency of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the IJU issues an urgent appeal to international organizations and institutes. It seeks collaborative efforts to provide immediate

relief, address basic needs, and work towards a comprehensive solution to end the suffering of the people in the region.

9. Demand to stop Western double standards by upholding international law and agreements:

The IJU calls for an end to double standards in Western policies by urging adherence to international law and agreements. It emphasizes the importance of consistent and fair application of legal principles on a global scale, without bias or selective enforcement.

10. Call for all countries to adhere to international law:

The IJU advocates for a universal commitment to international law by all nations. It stresses the significance of a collective effort to uphold the rule of law, fostering a global environment where justice, equality, and human rights prevail.

11. Urgent appeal to the United Nations Security Council to intervene and ensure international peace by halting breaches of treaties and international laws:

The IJU urgently appeals to the United Nations Security Council to intervene in conflicts that breach treaties and international laws, ensuring the restoration of international peace. It emphasizes the pivotal role the Security Council plays in maintaining global stability and promoting diplomatic resolutions to conflicts.

12. Condemnation of all terrorist organizations globally:

The IJU vehemently condemns all terrorist organizations across the globe. It underscores the destructive impact of terrorism on global peace and security, emphasizing the urgent need for

unified international efforts to eradicate these threats. The IJU advocates for coordinated measures to identify, confront, and dismantle terrorist networks that undermine the safety and well-being of people worldwide.

13. The IJU also

- aims for the total eradication of rights violations against Western Thrace Turks, which sporadically occur in the region.
- Addresses legal concerns between India and Jammu and Kashmir. It emphasizes the imperative role of the UN in actively engaging and eliminating unlawful practices.
- Firmly endorsing the elimination of persisting injustices in Myanmar, it champions the repatriation of displaced individuals to their original homes.
- It calls for an immediate halt to ongoing atrocities in Syria.
- The IJU calls for an immediate cessation of all violations against Muslims in East Turkestan, particularly the Uighurs. They emphasize the need to guarantee freedom of belief, allowing the practice of their religious teachings without persecution or discrimination. Additionally, they urge the halting of any discriminatory measures imposed on them.

The International Jurists Union (IJU) strongly reaffirms its dedication to global justice, advocating for equality, human rights, and fair treatment worldwide. It stands for a just world, inclusivity, and universal protection of fundamental rights.