



# MUHAMMADIYAH ASSOCIATION

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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### MUHAMMADIYAH ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE TO THE ESCALATION OF CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

1. Muhammadiyah Association expresses deep sorrow at the escalating violence in the Middle East, resulting in the tragic loss of countless innocent lives, especially the elderly, women, and children.
2. We are truly disappointed and our hearts go out to the numerous lives that have been adversely impacted by the acts of violence, transcending religious boundaries, affecting Muslims, Christians, and Jews alike. With steadfast support from the Singapore Government, Muhammadiyah has been dedicated to nurturing abused children, reuniting broken families and caring for the elderly for several years. Naturally, our concerns extend to the well-being of these vulnerable groups, especially those currently besieged in Gaza.
3. It is of utmost importance that global leaders, particularly those who have significant influence, to engage in sincere efforts aimed at finding tangible solutions to bring an end to this conflict and violence that have been prolonged — while avoiding the practice of double standards and conscious bias. We acknowledge the complexity of this task, which necessitates global unity guided by the right values and priorities. Nevertheless, within Muhammadiyah, we hold firm in our belief that peace is an achievable and essential goal.
4. As Muslims, we are bound by the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah to empathize with those who are undergoing suffering. In Sahih Al-Bukhari, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) wisely noted, "The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy are like one body. When one limb suffers, the whole body responds with wakefulness and fever."
5. During these trying times, Muslims are encouraged to:
  1. Pray to Allah S.W.T for relief from the suffering of the affected people.
  2. Continue disseminating the true teachings of Islam, emphasizing a worldview of peace, compassion, kindness, and fairness.
  3. Provide assistance through trustworthy and credible channels to those affected by this tragedy.
  4. Refrain from actions and statements that may incite harm or disharmony.

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6. Muhammadiyah Association steadfastly upholds our mission of fostering an enlightened, devout, and benevolent community that actively contributes to the cause of peace, progress, and compassion in this world.
7. May Allah S.W.T, the Most Merciful, continue to bless and guide us in surmounting any form of tribulation and hardship.

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## About Muhammadiyah Association (MA)

Muhammadiyah Association (MA) is an organisation established in 1957. The association was officially registered as a Welfare Organization under the Charities Act in 1989.

Since its inception, MA has dedicated themselves to serving the needs of the community through Dakwah (missionary works), Welfare and Education.

The organisation manages six other institutions namely Muhammadiyah Welfare Home, Muhammadiyah Health and Day Care Centre, Madrasah Al-Arabiah Al-Islamiah, Muhammadiyah Islamic College, KABA Weekend Madrasah, Muhammadiyah Kindergarten, Tapak Suci Singapura, and is also the fifth MSF-appointed agency for fostering in Singapore.

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