

## Peace Psychologists Are Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza

We, as **peace psychologists**, join the calls from all around the world for an **immediate ceasefire** in Gaza.

We join the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in his [appeal](#) “for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, together with the unconditional release of hostages and the delivery of relief at a level corresponding to the dramatic needs of the people in Gaza, where a humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in front of our eyes.”

We, as **peace psychologists**, remind the world that there is no military solution to the current crisis. There can be no peace without justice.

We urge leaders around the world to call for an **immediate humanitarian ceasefire** to end the indescribable [suffering](#)<sup>1</sup> and indiscriminate killing in Gaza.

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<sup>1</sup> American Psychological Association (October 11, 2023), press release: “APA warns of psychological impacts of violence in Middle East.” <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2023/10/middle-east-violence-statement>

<sup>2</sup> The Society’s [vision](#), as peace psychologists, is “the development of sustainable societies through the prevention of destructive conflict and violence, the amelioration of its consequences, the empowerment of individuals, and the building of cultures of peace and global community.”