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## Praying for peace in gaza

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### **Body**

Ramadhan is the time of the year when Muslims fast, pray together, and reflect more deeply on their faith, which is embodied in *peace*, resilience and generosity.

The holy month is also a time to gather together in the evening to share meals with relatives and the community.

Although Muslims collectively began the holy month by fasting, prayer and charity, the festivities are subdued in several parts of the world due to the ongoing conflicts and wars, particularly in <u>Gaza</u>. 'We all pray for an immediate ceasefire and **peace** in **Gaza**.

It is in the interest of not only <u>Palestine</u> but all countries,' said Aron Ahmed, a 58-year-old Egyptian national. His response came in an e-mail message to the Observer following queries about the themes that the readers were praying for during Ramadhan this year. Many of them overwhelmingly said that this year they would be praying mainly for the people of <u>Gaza</u>. 'During Ramadhan, normally we pray for ourselves, our beloved ones, and many other things. But this year, we're definitely feeling for our brothers and sisters in <u>Gaza</u>, who are without food, water, or other essentials,' said Ahmed al Lawati in his message. Similarly, Aimen Bashmori, a Malaysian academic, said that the ongoing war is looming large for many Muslims.

Though there were hopes that a ceasefire pact could be reached before Ramadhan, nothing happened. 'This is one of the saddest Ramadhans of our time.

If celebrations during the holy month were stained by coronavirus a couple of years ago, this is man-made.

I feel very bad about Gaza.

Our hearts and thoughts are with those affected in <u>Palestine</u>,' he said. For more than five months now, people in <u>Palestine</u> have endured massacres, disease, starvation, and thirst at the hands of the Israeli army.

The violence and brutality are continuing unabated. More than 31,000 people have been killed in the Israeli assault on <u>Gaza</u>, according to Palestinian health authorities in the besieged territory, and aid agencies have warned of a looming famine in parts of the <u>Gaza</u> Strip. 'I am praying for all those in countries from <u>Gaza</u> to Sudan that the almighty wipes out their sufferings.

I wish that they are no longer in pain,' said Mohamed Mubarak, an Indian national.

#### Praying for peace in gaza

Aid agencies have already warned of a looming famine in parts of the *Gaza* Strip.

The United Nations says that lack of humanitarian aid means famine is a growing risk in <u>Gaza</u>, where 2.4 million people are under a near-total siege by the Israeli military. 'When we get to open our fast with an abundance of food, our hearts become so heavy, and we are in despair because our brothers and sisters are starving and getting bombed at the same time,' said Mumtaz, a housewife. Giving to the less fortunate is an important part of Ramadhan.

All Muslims are also required to help the poor and needy in their community.

In other words, Ramadhan is a moment to care for each other. Fasting aims to establish equality between the rich and poor

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### Namibia welcomes UNSC resolution for peace in Gaza

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### **Body**

Namibia has welcomed the adoption on Monday, of Resolution 2728 by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), which demands amongst others, an immediate ceasefire in <u>Gaza</u> during Ramadan and calls for the release of all hostages.

In a media statement availed here Tuesday, Executive Director in the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation, Penda Naanda stated that the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2728 is a welcome relief for the people of <u>Gaza</u> who have endured constant bombardments of their homes, schools, hospitals and places of worship, during which thousands of Palestinians have lost their lives.

'In line with the provisions of our Constitution, Namibia has been calling for the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means. While adopting the resolution is a step in the right direction to end the sixth-month war, Namibia continues to encourage a peaceful solution that will not only end in a permanent ceasefire but also in two states living side by side in **peace** and security within the pre-1967 border, East Jerusalem as the capital of the state of **Palestine**,' he said.

He further stated that the conflict has left about 32,333 people killed, including more than 13000 children and about 8400 women while more than 74 694 people were injured including about 8663 children and 6327 women.

Namibia, he said calls on the members of the UNSC to fulfil their obligations and ensure that the UN Secretary Council Resolution 2728 is implemented without further delay.

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# We must push for lasting peace in Gaza, UN chief insists as starvation threat nears

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### **Body**

New York: The United Nation has issued the following press release:

"The need is urgent," Mr. Guterres said in Amman, alongside Jordan 's Foreign Minister Ayman Safady, as he pledged to keep pushing "for the removal of all obstacles to life-saving aid, for more access and more entry points" into *Gaza*.

The UN chief's appeal came amid increasingly dire scenes reported by UN humanitarians and other aid partners, particularly in northern governorates, where the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that 27 children have now died from complications linked to severe malnutrition.

"We must face facts. There will be no sustainable humanitarian solution with an ongoing war as bloody as this," the UN chief stressed.

"Let me repeat: nothing justifies the abhorrent October 7 attacks and hostage-taking by Hamas and nothing justifies the collective punishment of the Palestinian people."

UNRWA shut outThe Secretary-General 's appeal for a lasting <u>peace</u> and a humanitarian ceasefire to enable the effective delivery of food, fuel and medicines came as the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, confirmed that it had been barred by the Israeli authorities from transporting assistance to northern **Gaza**.

At the same time, the UN agency – which is the largest international aid provider in the enclave – reported that basic commodities in northern governorates were now "25 times more expensive than they were before the war", with a 25-kg sack of flour costing more than \$400.

Despite the warnings that famine is imminent in <u>Gaza</u>, "there has been no significant change in the volume of supplies entering <u>Gaza</u> or improved access to the north," UNRWA insisted.

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It noted that during the first 23 days of March, just 157 aid trucks per day crossed into <u>Gaza</u>, on average. This is "well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day", according to UNRWA.

Delays continue to happen at Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel and at Rafah from Egypt, the UN agency noted, adding that the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February had "severely impacted" the delivery of aid.

Help and hope for millionsEarlier, the UN Secretary-General stressed once again UNRWA 's positive impact in millions of people 's lives, while on the latest leg of his annual solidarity visit marking the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"We must strive to keep the one-of-a-kind services that UNRWA provides flowing because that keeps hope flowing," he said after meeting residents at Wihdat <u>Palestine</u> refugee camp, home to some of Jordan 's 2.4 million <u>Palestine</u> refugees – the largest number in the region.

Insisting that that the UN agency remained "a lifeline of hope and dignity" for many, Mr. Guterres underscored the "real difference" that its schools and health centres make to the lives of Palestinian refugees of all ages.

Peacebuilding roleIn addition to providing education to over 500,000 girls and boys, some two million people receive health care and work opportunities, the UN chief explained, while half a million of the poorest Palestinians also benefit from its assistance. All of these factors contribute to UNWRA's key role in "advancing social cohesion, promoting stability and building *peace*", he said.

"Imagine if all of this was taken away. It would be cruel and incomprehensible, especially as we honour the 171 women and men of UNRWA who have been killed in <u>Gaza</u> – the largest number of deaths of UN staff in our history."

Across <u>Gaza</u>, meanwhile, conflict continued unabated at the weekend, with Israeli bombardments and airstrikes reported in southern <u>Gaza</u>, including in Rafah, where UNRWA estimates that 1.2 million people now live, "the vast majority in formal and informal shelters".

Veterans 'horrorDescribing his visit to the Rafah border crossing at the weekend, the UN Secretary-General said that the veteran humanitarians he had met "have never seen anything as horrible" as what has unfolded in <u>Gaza</u>.

"The scale and speed of the death and destruction are on an entirely different level, and now, starvation is bearing down on Palestinians in <u>Gaza</u>,' he said.

Insisting that there was "a growing consciousness around the world that all of this must stop", the UN chief said a two-State solution was the only way to ensure a lasting end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Israelis must see their legitimate needs for security materialized, and Palestinians must see their legitimate aspirations for a fully independent, viable and sovereign State realized, in line with United Nations resolutions, international law and previous agreements," Mr. Guterres said.

Tedros concern amid new hospital raidsWHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus also expressed deep concern on Monday amid reports that Israeli forces had "besieged and attacked" Al-Amal Hospital in the southern city of Khan Younis on Sunday.

Tedros noted that a Palestinian Red Crescent worker and another individual sheltering at the hospital had been killed.

"Another reported attack on Al-Amal Hospital in <u>Gaza</u>, another situation where patients and health workers are in great jeopardy," Tedros said on X, formerly Twitter. "We appeal for their immediate protection and repeat our call for a ceasefire."

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The UN health agency previously said that a WHO team "was not given clearance" to reach the hospital to assess needs nor ensure patient referrals, although it was able to give water and first aid to nine health workers "who walked from Al-Amal to south *Gaza*".

Media reports on Sunday indicated that Israeli military vehicles reached Al-Amal and Nasser hospitals in Khan Younis. Such raids have been previously justified by the Israel Defense Forces as necessary to search for Hamas fighters.

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# LORD AHMAD VISITS EGYPT FOR TALKS ON GETTING MORE AID INTO GAZA AND STEPS FOR ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE PEACE

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The following information was released by the UK Government:

In his third visit to Egypt, Lord (Tariq) Ahmad will discuss how the UK and Egypt can work together to get more lifesaving aid to Palestinians in *Gaza*.

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Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon visits Cairo for discussions with Egypt's Foreign Minister on how to get more lifesaving aid to Palestinians in *Gaza* to alleviate the catastrophic humanitarian situation

Lord Ahmad will discuss the need for an immediate stop in the fighting, leading to a sustainable ceasefire without a return to destruction, fighting and loss of life

Minister for the Middle East will meet businesses and civil society to discuss deepening UK-Egypt ties

Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for the Middle East, South Asia, UN, Commonwealth and the PM's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, arrives in Cairo today [27 March] for talks on <u>Gaza</u>.

In his third visit to the country, Lord Ahmad will meet Foreign Minister of Egypt, H.E Sameh Shoukry, to discuss how the UK and Egypt can work together to get more lifesaving aid to Palestinians in <u>Gaza</u>, and to discuss the need for an immediate stop to the fighting in <u>Gaza</u>, leading to a sustainable <u>peace</u> and irreversible steps towards a two-state solution with Israel and <u>Palestine</u> living side-by-side in security and <u>peace</u>.

The UK and Egypt have worked closely throughout the <u>Gaza</u> crisis. The UK has trebled its aid commitment to the Occupied Palestinian Territories this year, with much of the lifesaving support delivered through the airport at Al Arish and Port Said, for onward transfer into <u>Gaza</u> through the Rafah crossing.

## LORD AHMAD VISITS EGYPT FOR TALKS ON GETTING MORE AID INTO GAZA AND STEPS FOR ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE PEACE

Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for Middle East, said:

On my third visit to Cairo since Hamas' terror attack on October 7, I will be discussing with Egyptian counterparts how we can make rapid and meaningful progress towards alleviating the humanitarian crisis in <u>Gaza</u>, as well as how to end the fighting in <u>Gaza</u> and achieve irreversible steps towards a two-state solution.

Egypt is a vital partner, and boosting UK-Egypt ties will enable our nations to work towards a shared goal - bringing greater stability to the region.

As my visit coincides with the Holy Month of Ramadan, I am also looking forward to celebrating Egypt's unique culture.

There is a desperate need for increased humanitarian support to <u>Gaza</u>, and the UK and Egypt have been vital players in the global effort to significantly increase lifesaving aid to those in need. The UK remains focused on getting more aid to those in need, by air, sea and road. Working more closely with Egypt is critical to international efforts towards achieving an immediate humanitarian pause in the fighting.

Lord Ahmad's two-day visit is taking place during Ramadan, where he will attend a suhoor reception at the British Embassy in Cairo. The Minister will meet prominent partners across the Egyptian government and members of business and civil society to discuss how the UK can deepen its strategic partnership with Egypt.

The UK's commitment to religious freedom will form an important part of discussions, as the Minister reflects on his experiences of Ramadan on the UK.

This visit follows ongoing diplomatic engagement with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Sameh Shoukry since the start of the conflict, including Lord Ahmad's call with Shoukry on 28 February - and the Foreign Secretary speaking to Shoukry at the G20 Foreign Minister' Summit in Rio de Janeiro on 22 February.

The UK Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Development Minister have all visited Egypt in recent months, signifying the ongoing importance of engaging with regional partners.

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