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PERGAS RESPONSE ON ISRAEL-GAZA CEASEFIRE

Referring to recent developments on the conflict between Israel and Palestine in Gaza, both parties have agreed to announce a ceasefire which went into effect on 26 August 2014. The ceasefire ended the 7 weeks of war in Gaza which has killed more than 2,200 people, a vast majority of them Palestinians.

2 Pergas is grateful on this positive development in stopping the crisis, despite it possibly being a temporary solution.

3 Pergas would also like to thank all Singaporeans especially the Muslim community, including the *asatizah* for their endless effort in praying for peace and safety of Palestinians in Gaza, performing *solat hajat* and *qunut nazilah* either with Pergas, other organisations, or individually.

4 Pergas hopes that the Muslim community will continue to express gratitude to Allah through *tahmid* or *sujud syukur*. We should also increase our *ibadah* and obedience towards Allah as a form of gratefulness for blessing us with peace.

5 This ceasefire between the two conflicting parties should bring upon repentance and gratitude to Allah. It should also strengthen our belief on the power of supplication. Allah says in surah al-Baqarah verse 186: "And when My servants ask you, (O Muhammad), concerning Me – indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of supplicant when he calls upon Me."

6 In relation to that, Pergas calls upon the Muslim community to continue praying for the peace and well-being of Muslims who are oppressed, such as those in Myanmar, Iraq, Syria and other parts of the world. We should also continue to pray that the ceasefire will be a stepping stone for long-term peace in Palestine.

7 May what happen in Gaza allow us to appreciate peace and harmony, and make us grateful Mu'min with the blessings that Allah has bestowed upon us.

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