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PERGAS CATEGORICALLY CONDEMNS THE VIOLENT ACTIONS OF THE ZIONIST ISRAELI REGIME ON THE CITIZENS OF GAZA, PALESTINE

The Islamic Scholars and Religious Teachers Association of Singapore (Pergas) categorically condemns the Zionist Israeli military operation on the citizens of Gaza, Palestine.

2 The operation clearly contradicts the ethics of international relations which give rights to all citizens of the world to live in peace and harmony, despite the differences in ethnicity and religion.

3 The barbaric Zionist military operation is incompatible with humanitarian values that emphasize the dignity of every man by giving his due rights, in accordance with the words of Allah which mean:

"We have honoured the sons of Adam; provided them with transport on land and sea; given them for sustenance things good and pure; and conferred on them special favours, above a great part of our creation."

Surah Al-Israa': 70

4 As a civilized nation, Israel must respect the rights of the Palestinians to sovereignty and freedom to govern their country in peace. Excuses of 'building safe zones' or 'the right to self-defence' is never justifiable in killing innocent human lives.

5 Pergas hereby reiterates the concept of peace in Islam that is built through justice and fairness, and that it can never be achieved through war or acts of terror.

6 Thus, Pergas calls on the local Muslim community to perform *hajat* prayers and *qunut nazilah* either individually or in masses, as one of our efforts to help the

oppressed, and pray they are given the strength and calmness in facing this tremendous test.

7 May the sufferings of the Palestinians be eased and replaced with harmony and security, which are the rights of every man on the surface of Allah's world. Amin.

THE ISLAMIC SCHOLARS AND RELIGIOUS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE