

<u>Press Release</u>

Pakistan Expresses Solidarity with Palestinian People on Nakba Day

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Pakistan has affirmed its unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people and strongly condemned Israel for its brutal war in Gaza, which the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has described as a "plausible genocide."

Participating in a panel discussion convened by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP) to mark Nakba Day, Ambassador Usman Jadoon, Pakistan's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, highlighted the extensive displacement and prolonged occupation faced by Palestinians.

He emphasized that millions have been forcibly displaced from their homeland and subjected to a brutal foreign occupation for the past 57 years.

"Pakistan strongly condemns Israel's latest and most brutal war against the Palestinian people in Gaza, resulting in the killing of thousands of the people, principally women and children, the large-scale displacement of an already occupied and battered population," Ambassador Jadoon stated.

He reiterated Pakistan's urgent call for an immediate, unconditional, and sustainable ceasefire in Gaza, stressing the need for unrestricted humanitarian supplies and accountability for Israel's actions.

"Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people and calls for the establishment of a viable, independent, and contiguous State of Palestine," Ambassador Jadoon declared. "This state must be based on internationally agreed parameters of the pre-1967 borders, with Al Quds al Sharif as its capital."

Ambassador Jadoon's statement underscores Pakistan's consistent support for the Palestinian cause and its commitment to advocating for their right to self-determination and statehood.

