

The National Lawyers Guild - University of Oregon stands with Palestinians fighting decades of Israeli occupation.

We mourn the loss of all innocent life, both Palestinian and Israeli.

We join calls to hold those who perpetuate violence against civilians accountable for their contravention of the laws of war and their disregard for human life and dignity.

Thus, we acknowledge the staggering brutality Palestinians have endured in their homelands since 1948.



"We condemn and oppose any assault on innocent civilians. But in contrast to the Israeli government that means that we oppose any assault on Palestinian civilians as well.

We must analyse those terrible [attacks] in the right context – and that is the ongoing occupation,"

- Ofer Cassif, Israeli Knesset member



We must acknowledge the conditions in Gaza and the West Bank and understand that this conflict is the latest episode in the daily oppression and violence perpetrated against the Palestinian people.

We recognize the threat of heightened antisemitism and Islamophobia in times of conflict. We urge our community and our peers to distinguish the calls to end Israel's illegal occupation and apartheid system from antisemitic statements.

We stand with the Jewish community and actively condemn hate speech against Jews. We also oppose Islamophobia and stereotyping those defending their home.

We encourage those learning about the issue to be diligent fact-checkers in light of rampant propaganda by the Israeli government. We condemn the US government's role in Israel's occupation and support calls for a ceasefire. We also urge immediate cessation of military and political support in the face of escalating violence by the Israeli military against Palestinian civilians.

We also urge those who are able to support humanitarian groups in working in Gaza:

Palestine Children's Relief Fund Palestine Red Crescent Society Medical Aid for Palestine