



PCHR – Palestinian Centre for Human Rights
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Dear all,

please spread the word amongst your legal associations, colleagues, etc. The Palestine Centre for Human Rights (leading Gaza HR organization) needs your financial support to pursue legal case before the courts.

Please give hope to victims of Israel's war. Justice must be done. Support PCHR's legal fund. [Gaza, Palestinian Territory, Occupied Politik](#)

The above documentary 'Justice and Accountability in Gaza' shows how PCHR works and what we can achieve with the correct resources.

Help for Gaza's victims

How can we help the people of Gaza? There is a humanitarian and medical catastrophe which the UNRWA and others are seeking to respond to. But this is the third war to have targeted the civilians of Gaza in the last 6 years. The killing of civilians, the killing of over 300 children, the deliberate collective punishment are war crimes. And the only way to stop the whole bloody cycle coming around again is to make some progress on bringing those responsible to justice.

Of course this will not be easy. The first thing which needs to be done is the verifiable documentation of the killings. The hugely courageous fieldworkers of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) have been doing that for the last weeks. They have been visiting bomb-sites and hospitals, and hospitals that were bomb-sites. They have been meeting with families and painstakingly recording the names and the circumstances of each killing. It is important to document each life lost, but the purpose is not just to insist on the humanity of those who have been murdered. The purpose is to collect the evidence that will allow those responsible to be held accountable.

In order to be effective PCHR needs more than the courage of their fieldworkers and the expertise of their human rights lawyers.

They also need the funds to be able to pursue hundreds of cases.

This legal defence fund will allow the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) - the leading Gaza based human rights organisation to:

- conduct detailed field research to document cases;
- provide a team of lawyers working on behalf of victims, at absolutely no cost to the victims;
- pay the punitive pre-case 'deposits' required for Palestinian victims in the Israeli courts;
- build both civil and criminal cases inside the Israeli system;
- build on PCHR's pioneering 'universal jurisdiction' work around the world (so far PCHR is the

only organisation who has successfully had warrants issued for the arrest of Israeli war criminals)



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- advocate for Israel to face international accountability for its actions, including by placing Israeli generals in the dock at the International Criminal Court in the Hague.

Without a massive influx of funding to help the victims these goals will not be met effectively.

Following Operation 'Cast Lead' in 2009 PCHR built hundreds of legal cases. Sadly, many of them had to be abandoned because Israel placed enormous financial barriers on Palestinian victims who sought justice in its court system.

We can't allow the same thing to happen again.

PCHR is a leading Palestinian human rights organisation with a 20 year track record of taking and winning cases in the Israeli, Palestinian and international court systems. Despite a system stacked against them PCHR has successfully won compensation for Palestinian fishermen, families who have lost their homes and even those who have lost family members. Alongside this PCHR has meticulously documented tens of thousands of cases of human rights violations committed by Israel against Palestinian civilians for use in Court cases and advocacy work.

This time we can give victims a chance.

Who are we?

We are a group of concerned friends of PCHR who do not want to miss the opportunity to provide justice for Gaza's victims. The campaign is supported by many but being run by:

Andrew Anderson, Deputy Director Front Line Defenders

Eoin Murray, activist and former staff member in PCHR.

What will you receive?

There's no prizes for helping the victims. No frivolities, no product to give away.

We will provide everyone with a short six month report, an annual project report, a copy of PCHR's organisational annual report & audited accounts. For those who request it we will provide you with more long-term, annual updates on the progress of cases via the PCHR annual report.

We will apply maximum possible financial transparency. All monies raised will go to PCHR to spend on the victims of Israeli human violations.

What you really get, though, is:

- the knowledge that Palestinian victims are being given the best possible chance of justice;
- the certainty that Israeli generals will have to worry about where they travel because of the real possibility that they will be arrested for war crimes;
- an unwavering commitment to a world built on the principles of dignity for every person and the application of human rights law instead of militarism and violence. ie. the rule of law not the rule of the jungle.

How can I raise money for this?

Making an individual donation is invaluable. Every cent counts.

But if you can please try to organise a coffee morning, gig, parish collection or other form of group event. That way you end up raising awareness and raising money.

We'd especially love Solidarity Campaigns, Trade Unions, Churches and other organisations to take the lead in supporting the Gaza victims fund.

Where will the money go?



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All funds raised by this appeal will go to PCHR. If we do not meet our goal - or, even better, if we exceed it wildly - we will give 100% of the money to PCHR.

PCHR is a registered not for profit company under the laws of the Palestinian Authority, They are audited every year by a firm of independent, international accountants based in the West Bank (usually Ernest & Young).

Israel is so powerful - can this really work?

Israel is the best friend of the world's most powerful country. Achieving justice will be no easy job. But history shows us that victims can and do achieve justice. Victims of Hitler, Pinochet, Mladic; have all managed to find some solace in see the perpetrators facing justice. Now victims of Netanyahu could be added to this list.

Israel has placed enormous barriers on Palestinian victims seeking compensation and pursuing criminal cases.

However, PCHR has successfully negotiated many of these barriers before and can do it again.

I'm excited - what else can I do?

We have all felt so powerless as the bombs fall. Despite this we've marched, tweeted, prayed and hoped. Now there is something else you can do:

1. Make a donation to this campaign. Small, or large, we value every contribution.

Ideally we would get \$50 or \$100 per person but if we get even \$5 or \$10 per person then we can meet our goals.

2. Tell everyone you know and ask them to donate. The more you spread the word to sympathetic friends and family the more we can support the victims.

Now is the chance!

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/gaza-legal-defence-fund>