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OUR HEARTS BLEED WITH GAZA WHILE ISRAEL CELEBRATES

Gaza has had its bloodiest day in years on Monday after Israeli forces shot and killed 58 Palestinians and wounded at least 1,200 as tens of thousands protested along the frontier against the opening of the US embassy in the Holy city of Jerusalem which per International law is under occupation.

The Muslim Council of Calgary is deeply saddened at the tremendous loss of life along the border of Gaza and concerned about renewed tensions and the dehumanizing attitude of state of Israel. The ability to peacefully advocate for change must be safeguarded as a human right as an essential element of democracy especially when these lands and Palestinian people are under occupation. Monday's deaths of nearly 60 Palestinians, the vast majority of whom were engaged in nonviolent protests, is an alarming threat to that right and blatant violation of International law.

The idea that the move of the US embassy to Jerusalem, being a peace effort could not have been further from reality. We urge the Canadian government and the United Nations to condemn and take serious actions against this senseless move by the US government, to prevent further loss of innocent human life and defend the rights of Palestinian people under occupation turning into apartheid.

ABOUT MCC:

Muslim Council of Calgary (MCC) is an elected body representing the majority of the 80,000+ Muslims living in the city of Calgary. The MCC is a non-governmental organization which caters to the religious, social services and community needs of Muslims in Alberta (primarily in Calgary & Brooks), and is the governing body for both the Muslim Association of Calgary (MAC) and the Muslim Community Foundation of Calgary (MCFC). The only official website controlled by Muslim Council of Calgary (MCC) is yycmuslims.ca.

