In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful



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The ASJA has noted with great concern the most recent developments in the Israeli/Palestine conflict a continued disregard by Israel to international calls and advocacy for a ceasefire and a de-escalation of the ongoing conflict. We are comforted by the call from the President of the United States that "he expects significant de-escalation today on the path to a ceasefire from Israel". However, there appears to be disregard by Israel's Prime Minister who is reported to have said that "operation Gaza will continue despite talks with US President". In addition to this, there continues to be ongoing brutality together with violations of international laws and conventions which we condemn.

As we observe the reluctance to a cease fire, and an increase in causalities on both sides, ASJA intends to formally express our displeasure at these developments and to register our concerns with the local representative of the United Nations and to also seek the intervention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago through the established diplomatic channels to highlight our calls for a ceasefire to protect innocent civilian lives and a return to peaceful negotiations to have a just solution to this conflict at the level of the United Nations.

In addition, we intend to lobby the United States Government through its resident Ambassador in Trinidad to exert its influence on the Israeli Government for a swift end to this impasse and to reconsider its veto powers at the United Nations General Assembly which it has used to derail resolutions against the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Finally, we assure Dr. Linda Sobeh, Palestine's nonresident Ambassador to the Caribbean that the Anjuman Sunnat-ul Jamaat Association Inc. of Trinidad and Tobago stands in solidarity and is fully supportive on any moves to ensure peace, stability and security for the Palestinian people.

Yours respectfully,

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