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Press Release

**The CCI Strongly Condemns the Tragedy of Humankind
at Gaza Strip**

The Communion of Churches in Indonesia (CCI) expresses its deep concern over the tragedy of humankind taking place at Gaza Strip. During the last one week, the attack of Israel against the people of Palestina at Gaza Strip has claimed at least 485 death casualty including 80 children and 2500 wounded. What makes it more apprehensive is that most of the victims are unarmed civilians.

The CCI, views that Israel's aggression at Gaza Strip and Hamas rocket attacks against Israel, that initiated the aggression, has stained the international law and peace efforts which are still in progress in the Middle East. War and violence, on whatever reason, will not solve the problems thoroughly for the Palestinian society and the Middle East in general.

Therefore, CCI appeals

1. To ask Israel should to stop its attack at Gaza Strip and to immediately withdraw its troop from Palestinian's region. The same claim appea lso addressed to Hamas group to stop its rocket attacks against Israel. May both parties come to ceasefire and start sitting together for a new agreement talk in order to reach peace.
2. Through the UN, to call the international society to issue resolution for stopping the war at Gaza Strip. Particularly those powerful countries like the US and the European Union's member states and also the Arabian states may play their roles in stopping this tragedy of humankind.
3. To call all fractions existing in Palestine, Hamas and Fatah together with Palestinian Authority to be united in the agreement talk with Israel reaching peaceful life and mutual acceptance.
4. To appreciate the prompt efforts made by the government of Indonesia in condemning Israel's violence and its endeavour to collect aids to reduce the suffering of the victims
5. To call all the Indonesian society to participate in the peace efforts and to render proportional aids to the Palestinian victims. The problem which is taking place in the Middle East must be viewed as the issue of sovereignty and not a religious matter.
6. To call all churches to either severally or jointly pray for the solid and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

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On behalf of the
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