

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

Sample Protest Letters Concerning Gaza

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Dear [Honorable Representative and Senator, Mr. President, and Obama Transition Team]:

On January 3 as Israeli troops bombed and invaded the Palestinian Territory of Gaza which Israel has held under tight siege for 18 months, 10,000 Israeli civilians demonstrated in Tel Aviv shouting, "Stop the killing! Stop the siege!" We echo their cry. The assault on Gaza is political in nature and in direct violation of international law, which prohibits assaults on unarmed civilian populations.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom urges you to use the full power and influence of your office and the authority of the United States: 1) to establish an unconditional and immediate cease-fire in Gaza; 2) to ensure complete access of humanitarian goods and aid workers into Gaza and the lifting of the Israeli siege; and, 3) to hold Israel accountable for its indiscriminate misuse of weapons supplied by the U.S. against civilian populations, as required by the U.S. Arms Export Control Act, the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act, and international law and conventions.

Sincerely,
[name and address]



[Send the following letter to your local and national media](#)

Sample Letter to Editor Regarding Gaza

Where is the focus on the humanitarian tragedy taking place in Gaza right now? Why are we not reading and seeing more about the civilians being affected? When covering this current crisis, the media should be careful to note the disproportionate nature of Israel's attacks, as well as the history and context of the current occupation.

When detailing the indiscriminate rocket attacks by Hamas on southern Israel, it is important to note that this is not a war between two armies. This is a conflict between the most powerful army in the region, bombing and invading a caged population.

The media should note that Hamas did adhere to the recent truce. In fact it was Israel that failed to lift the siege (according to terms of the truce), and fired first – on November 4. Palestinians have also used non-violent means of resistance, which never makes the front page.

Sincerely,
[name and address]