

The Hon. Jack Layton  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Layton:

The Canadian government must take immediate action to put pressure on Israel to stop the massacre and lift the siege. Canada must provide immediate humanitarian relief to the people of Gaza. We call on the government of Canada to match donations raised by Canadian registered charities for the people of Gaza.

Israeli commentators have labeled this as a war "to be on the safe side" rather than a war of necessity. The Israeli government is attacking the civilian population of Gaza to advance their standing in elections. This is criminal. Our government should take action to stop the massacre immediately. (See Yossi Sarid in Haaretz, December 28).

Richard Falk, the United Nations Human Rights Rapporteur in the Occupied Territories said, "The Israeli airstrikes today, and the catastrophic human toll that they caused, challenge those countries that have been and remain complicit, either directly or indirectly, in Israel's violations of international law." Canada should not continue to be one of those nations.

I hereby call upon the Canadian government to act immediately to stop the massacre, lift the siege, and provide aid to the victims of Israeli aggression.

Sincerely,