Urgent Appeal
By
The Grassroots International Protection for the
Palestinian People

At the time where the Christian world is celebrating Easter today, marking the
crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ, for the Salvation of human kind, we Palestinians
are confronting the same fate.
The Israeli government in response to the numerous calls for peace by the Palestinian
leadership and the rest of the Arab World, has mobilized its full army force and
bulldozed all calls for peace.
This morning, 29.03.2002, the Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, in a press
conference declared war on the Palestinian people. The Israeli Minister of War, Ben
Aliazar stated that this war has no geographical boundaries and nobody is immune in
this war, including President Yasser Arafat.
The whole Palestinian population is under siege. Our towns, villages and refugee
camps are bound. In the initial stages of the Israeli re-occupation of the Palestinian
territories, more than 150 tanks have invaded the city of Ramallah. The Israeli tanks
are at present attacking the headquarters of the President Arafat. A large number of
civilians have been murdered and injured by the sporadic shelling of the Israeli army
gunfire. The injured are denied medical treatment and ambulances are not allowed to
reach the injured who are left bleeding to death. The first three casualties were from
the Abu Gharbieh family who were shot in the early hours of the morning leaving
their house. The mother, Surayda Abu Gharbieh died her husband Murad and their
five months old baby were injured. The entire population in Ramallah is restricted to
their homes, the Israelis have cut electricity and a large number of families are forced
to stay in one room. The high buildings have been occupied and used by snipers to
shoot at anything that moves.

Appeal: We call upon the International Community, the European
Community and all those concerned in the promotion of peace in the
world to:

1. We look upon the European Community and Parliament as a major
actor in bringing Israel to conform to UN and International
resolutions including the 4th Geneva Convention.
2. To organize and mobilize the people to go out to the streets and
protest the Israeli genocide against the Palestinians and to provide
International protection for the Palestinian people.
3. To lobby with your governments to take immediate action for the
cessation of the Israeli aggression against the Palestinians.
4. To call for economic and political sanctions against the war
government of Israel.
5. Activate the role of your governments, International Aid Agencies
and all concerned to supply the emergency needs of the Palestinian
people of food and medical supplies.