



## Non-Aligned Movement Slams Israel Aggression Against Palestinians



United Nations, January 23 (RHC)-- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) has censured Israeli's acts of aggression against Palestinians, calling on the UN Security Council to take action against the Tel Aviv regime.

Iran's Ambassador to the United Nations Mohammad Khazaei, who was speaking on behalf of the NAM at the UN General Assembly, criticized unjust Israeli policies being imposed on the Palestinian people. Iran is the current president of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Iran's envoy to the UN emphasized NAM's support for the Palestinian people, saying: "The NAM reiterates its serious concern over the continued systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people."

Khazaei also cited detaining children, arbitrary arrests, and use of excessive force as some violations being committed by the Israelis. He added that the Israeli regime continues to arrest Palestinian civilians, including children, on almost a daily basis.

More than 4,500 Palestinian prisoners are held in Israeli prisons, many of them without charge or trial. The Iranian ambassador to the UN further touched upon the illegal blockade of the Gaza Strip by Tel Aviv, saying that "the blockade inflicts great social and economic losses and humanitarian hardship on the Palestinian people besieged there."

He urged the international community to persist on its calls on Israel to immediately lift the blockade. Gaza has been blockaded since June 2007, a situation that has caused a decline in



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the standard of living, unprecedented levels of unemployment, and unrelenting poverty.

The apartheid regime of Israel denies the people in Gaza their basic rights, such as freedom of movement, jobs that pay proper wages, and adequate health care and education.