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**Media Statement** 

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Subject: Filing Of Petition for Criminal Indictment To The Office Of Prosecutor Of The International Criminal Court (ICC) Against Benjamin Netanyahu For Israeli Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity

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KUALA LUMPUR: - MyAqsa Foundation Malaysia, a dedicated advocate for justice and human rights, has submitted war crimes evidence and testimony to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague. A team of esteemed lawyers and human rights activists, led by Professor Dato' Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, alongside lawyers, Lukman Sheriff Alias and Azril Mohd Amin, officially lodged this petition yesterday (Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023).

Supported by MyAqsa Foundation Chairperson, Suwardi Yaacob, and joined by two of our distinguished trustees, Mohd Gunawan Che Ab Aziz and Datuk Abd. Rasyid Idris, the submission was meticulously compiled by MyAqsa's team of researchers and submitted to highlight and address the alarming genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in various healthcare facilities within Gaza.

The focus of our submission encompasses the deplorable attacks and bombardments inflicted upon essential medical institutions, namely al-Shifa Hospital, al-Quds Hospital, Indonesia Hospital and the al-Ahl Hospital, all situated in Gaza.

The submitted dossier spans 52 comprehensive pages, meticulously outlining the procedural history, relevant legal frameworks and a detailed chronicle of the atrocities committed by the accused party that has caused thousands of deaths, injuries and loss of houses of innocent Palestinians.

Despite the overwhelming public evidence of various henious war crimes being committed by Israel, MyAqsa wishes to express its disappointment with the ICC for its failure to proceed with the indictment of Benyamin Netanyahu after more than a month of Israelis' genocidal attacks that saw the deaths of more than 13,000 children and civilians.



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Thus, MyAqsa has taken the liberty to collate the evidence in a cohesive and organise indictable manner. Evidence collated not only comprises corroborated video and pictures but a number of direct testimonies of highly credible people who witnessed first-hand atrocities committed at the relevant time.

The collection of evidence would not be possible without the assistance of the Palestinian Government. If the ICC requires further strengthening of the case along the lines of evidence submitted by MyAqsa, MyAqsa is more than willing to provide further details.

With the submission of this complaint petition, MyAqsa Foundation truly believes that there are more than reasonable grounds for the issuance of a warrant of arrest against the accused individual. MyAqsa calls for the formal charging of the accused person for the alleged crimes under Article 61 of the Rome Statute with urgency.

We implore the initiation of a thorough investigation by ICC based on the information and evidence as provided in accordance with Articles 15 and 53 of the Rome Statute. From MyAqsa's perspective, there are compelling evidence for ICC to already initiate and complete its investigation.

Justice delayed is not only justice denied as expeditious action by ICC can actually stop the deaths and the displacements of thousands and thousands more in Gaza.

ICC must be seen to act without fear or favour. It has acted expeditiously before, with less compelling public evidence in past atrocities committed by Israel in Gaza. MyAqsa demands that ICC pursues its investigation immediately and without any deliberate delay.

MyAqsa's unwavering commitment lies in seeking accountability for these heinous acts and ensuring that the accused party faces the full brunt of the law. We stand united in our pursuit for justice for all Palestinians, impacted by these egregious violations of the international law.

We also stand united with others in the call for ICC to act in the most expeditious manner to hold those responsible, accountable for the ongoing genocide and ethnic cleansing in Gaza.

For more information, please contact En Suwardi Yaacob at 019-9006600.

Thank You.



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Picture caption: MyAqsa Foundation Malaysia represented by lawyers (from right), Suwardi Yaacob, Professor Dato' Dr Rahmat Mohamad, Azril Mohd Amin and Lukman Sheriff Alias after filing a war crime petition against Benyamin Netanyahu at the Hague.