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IPA Statement on the Arrest of Palestinian Pediatrician in Gaza

The International Pediatric Association (IPA) is deeply concerned by the arrest of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, a pediatrician and the director of Kamal Adwan Hospital, by the Israeli army. We highly condemn ongoing violations of the rights and safety of medical professionals and children in Gaza.

The IPA takes a stand against the targeting of medical workers, specifically pediatricians, whose role is an ultimate importance to ensure care and well-being of children. We indeed believe it is not just threatening and endangering the lives of medical professionals but also the health, well-being, and even survival of the most vulnerable population: the children.

Children in Gaza are facing unimaginable trauma as they deal with violence, displacement, and shortages of basic needs, including access to health care. The occupation of pediatricians would worsen the humanitarian crisis already in a critical stage and leave many children without the care they urgently need.

We call for the immediate release of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya and all the unjustly captivated medical professionals. We urge pediatric societies around the world to raise their voice and distribute this statement widely, raising awareness to all organizations and people across the globe so the world would know about this traumatic event. This will put pressure on the occupation of Israeli violations in relation to this very critical matter. Our priority is to save the children and stand with those who have protected them despite the ongoing conflict.

IPA, as an international organization dedicated to saving children, will do anything to protect and support the children, particularly in Gaza, during these challenging times.

IPA stands united with all pediatricians to ensure the well-being of every child, at every age, everywhere.

Best Regards,

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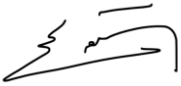






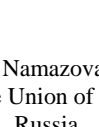









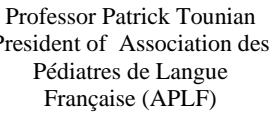
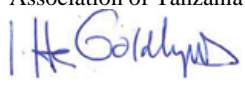
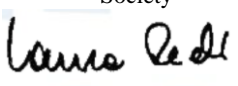
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