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We have been deeply shocked by the children killed during the massacres by Hamas and the children killed so far in the subsequent and widespread bombing of Gaza by Israel.

There is a grave risk of an even worse loss of life in the coming weeks and of children in other countries dying too.

Palestinian children are our children. Israeli children are our children. We cannot consider ourselves civilised if this is what we do.

We urge everyone to remember that children have not caused any wars and they bear no responsibility for the situation.

All of the kidnapped children must be urgently released, and all children must be given safe passage away from conflict. Children can't be starved of water, food, healthcare and shelter. Children and vulnerable persons must receive humanitarian aid immediately.

The lives of the million children living in the Gaza Strip and the three million children living in Israel must be prioritised and protected.

Many protests and leaders have rushed to remember the loss of life of only one group of children. But surely, we have room in our hearts for both.

To make progress on a just and lasting peace we need to have compassion for all the children who are suffering. As Mahatma Gandhi said "There is no path to peace, peace is the path".

Tonight, in the middle of this darkness, we will light three candles - one for all the children killed and kidnapped in Israel and one for all the children killed and maimed in the bombing and fighting in Gaza, and one for humanity and hope.

We invite anyone who supports a lasting peace for all children living in Israel, in Palestine, and beyond to do the same. They are all our children. They are all our children.

Signatories to the October 2023 joint statement

Nobel Laureates in Chemistry

Dr. Peter Agre	2003
Dr. Martin Chalfie	2008
Dr. Emmanuelle Charpentier	2020
Dr. Johann Deisenhofer	1988
Dr. Gerhard Ertl	2007
Dr. Joachim Frank	2017
Dr. Walter Gilbert	1980
Dr. Alan Heeger	2000
Dr. Richard Henderson	2017
Dr. Dudley R. Herschbach	1986
Dr. Roald Hoffman	1981
Dr. Martin Karplus	2013
Dr. Brian K. Kobilka	2012
Dr. Yuan T. Lee	1986
Dr. Michael Levitt	2013
Dr. William E. Moerner	2014
Dr. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	2009
Dr. Jean-Pierre Sauvage	2016
Dr. Richard R. Schrock	2005
Dr. Sir James Fraser Stoddart	2016
Sir John E. Walker	1997
Sir Gregory P. Winter	2018
Dr. Kurt Wüthrich	2002

Nobel Laureates in Economics

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Sir Oliver Hart	2016
Dr. Daniel Kahneman	2022
Dr. Finn E. Kydland	2004
Dr. Eric S. Maskin	2007
Dr. Paul R. Milgrom	2020
Dr. Edmund S. Phelps	2006
Dr. Christopher A. Pissarides	2010
Dr. Vernon L. Smith	2002

Nobel Laureates in Literature

Mr. Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio	2008
Sir Kazuo Ishiguro	2017
Ms. Elfriede Jelinek	2004
Mr. Patrick Modiano	2014
Mr. Wole Soyinka	1986
Mr. Mario Vargas Llosa	2010

Nobel Laureates in Medicine

Dr. Harvey J. Alter	2020
Dr. Werner Arber	1978
Dr. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi	2008
Dr. J. Michael Bishop	1989
Dr. Carol W. Greider	2009
Dr. Leland H. Hartwell	2001
Dr. Tasuku Honjo	2018
Sir Michael Houghton	2020
Dr. Tim Hunt	2001
Dr. Louis J. Ignarro	1998
Dr. David Julius	2021
Dr. William G. Kaelin Jr.	2019
Dr. Eric R. Kandel	2000
Dr. Barry J. Marshall	2005
Dr. Craig C. Mello	2006
Dr. Edvard Moser	2014
Dr. May-Britt Moser	2014
Dr. John O'Keefe	2014
Dr. Ardem Patapoutian	2021
Dr. Stanley B. Prusiner	1997
Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe	2019
Dr. Charles M. Rice	2020
Sir Richard J. Roberts	1993
Dr. Michael Rosbash	2017
Dr. Gregg L. Semenza	2019
Dr. Hamilton O. Smith	1978

Dr. Jack W. Szostak	2009	International Physicians for the Prevention	
Dr. Susumu Tonegawa	1987	of Nuclear War	1985
Dr. Torsten N. Wiesel	1981	Dr. Michael Christ & Dr. Ira Helfand	

Nobel Laureates in Peace

HE José Ramos-Horta	1996
President of the Republic of Timor-Leste	
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Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei	2005
Mr. Adolfo Pérez Esquivel	1980
Ms. Leymah Gbowee	2011
Ms. Tawakkol Karman	2011
Ms. Mairead Corrigan-Maguire	1976
Mr. Dmitry Muratov	2021
Ms. Maria Ressa	2021
Ms. Maria Ressa	2021
HE Óscar Arias Sanchez	1987
HE Juan Manuel Santos	2016
Mr. Kailash Satyarthi	2014
Ms. Rigoberta Menchú Tum	1992
Ms. Jody Williams	1997
Centre for Civil Liberties	2022
Ms. Oleksandra Matviichuk	
International Peace Bureau	1910
Ms. Corazon Valdez Fabros & Mr. Philip Jennings	

Nobel Peace Laureates in Physics

Dr. Barry Barish	2017
Dr. Steven Chu	1997
Dr. Andre Geim	2010
Dr. Andrea Ghez	2020
Dr. Sheldon Glashow	1979
Dr. John Hall	2005
Dr. Serge Haroche	2012
Dr. Takaaki Kajita	2015
Dr. Klaus von Klitzing	1985
Dr. Anthony J. Leggett	2003
Dr. Michel Mayor	2019
Dr. Konstantin Novoselov	2010
Dr. Giorgio Parisi	2021
Dr. Roger Penrose	2020
Dr. William D. Phillips	1997
Dr. H. David Politzer	2004
Dr. Adam G. Riess	2011
Dr. Joseph H. Taylor Jr.	1993
Dr. Kip Stephen Thorne	2017
Dr. David J. Wineland	2012