



The Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights stands for the freedom and humanity of all people, regardless of nationality, religion, or ethnicity. We extend our thoughts to all who are grieving and stand against any abuses of human rights. We firmly believe that all people deserve to live with dignity and security, and we uphold and echo calls for the liberation and freedom of Palestinians living under occupation.

We are deeply unsettled by the continued and escalating violence, in particular when we hear the condemnation of horrific attacks on civilian populations, yet we see nations sending powerful arms and political support to enact such violence on another civilian population in retaliation.

Like many, our community is subjected to the narratives of politicians, the media and social commentators that are divisive and dehumanising, and minimise the complexity of this long-standing conflict, which has resulted in such devastating loss of life.

The Australian Muslim community is deeply impacted by the unfolding tragedy, particularly those who have affected family members, or have experienced occupation, displacement, conflict and/or war.

The ongoing violence, along with inflammatory media reporting, has escalated tensions directly impacting the safety and wellbeing of Muslims in Australia and brings with it increased risks for the Australian Muslim community. Muslim women have shared with us their fears and concerns, as increased reports of Muslim women experiencing Islamophobic threats and attacks are shared amongst communities, while children and young people continue to be at risk of religious vilification and attacks.

We urge our community to remain vigilant and safe and seek support during this difficult time. We encourage the wider Australian community and our sector partners to resist inflammatory rhetoric which fuel division and exclusion and to extend services to offer additional support to Muslim women and children who may be impacted by the crisis.

For confidential and professional support contact:

Beyond Blue 1300 22 46 36

Lifeline 13 11 14

Kids helpline 1800 55 1800

Resources for parents to support children:

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

Reports incidents of Islamophobia via:

Islamophobia Register of Australia

<https://islamophobia.com.au/report-an-incident/>