# United Against Inhumanity

# Call to Action

### Who we are

United Against Inhumanity (UAI) is an emerging global movement of people and groups outraged by the atrocities being committed in today's wars, who refuse to accept in silence the suffering inflicted on individuals and communities, and who reject the policies and practices that block unprecedented numbers of people in need of refuge from reaching safety.

### What is our purpose

The purpose of UAI is to initiate and facilitate joint action by civil society to challenge warring parties, their sponsors, governments and international organisations to reverse the normalisation of indiscriminate warfare and the inhumanity of forced displacements.

### What we call for

UAI calls for:
➢ An end to the use of inhuman tactics in war, such as the indiscriminate and targeted killing of civilians, devastation of populated areas, ethnic cleansing, the use of people as human shields and sieges designed to starve communities into submission.
➢ An end to the targeting of hospitals, schools and facilities such as water and food supplies that are vital for survival, well-being and dignity;
➢ An end to systematic persecution, torture, widespread sexual violence, including rape, and other crimes against humanity.
➢ An end to the policies and practices that are designed to prevent people fleeing for their lives from reaching a place of safety.

UAI therefore demands**:**
1. Action by warring parties to fulfil their moral and legal obligations to forbid inhuman tactics and to ensure that everybody in the territory they control is treated with dignity and has access to the basic necessities of life;
2. Concerted action by states and international organisations to guarantee the rights of people forced to flee to humane and compassionate treatment at all stages of their ordeal;
3. Effective action by states and international and regional organisations to make use of existing mechanisms to hold to account those accused of crimes against humanity.

## Our vision

UAI's overall goal is a world where all governments and warring parties fulfil their responsibility to protect civilians from the horror and far-reaching consequences of war-related atrocities.

## What we aim to do

PRODUCE KNOWLEDGE - Engage with institutions and groups that share UAI's goal to:
   (i)     Produce independently verified and credible documentation on the harm inflicted on civilians subjected to the inhumanity of warfare.
   (ii)    Develop an Independent Humanitarian Watch (IHW) to track and document inhumanity and use the data to build up a movement of public opinion to confront perpetrators; and an (In)humanity Index to encourage compliance with international law and respect for universal human values.

MOBILIZE FOR CHANGE- Work with others to advocate for changes in the policies and practices of governments and other warring parties by:
   (iii)   Promoting a sense of collective responsibility of civil society from all parts of the world to stand united against the horrors of contemporary warfare.
   (iv)    Challenging governments and relevant international and regional organisations to uphold their obligations and actively address war-related atrocities and mistreatment of people fleeing for their lives;
   (v)     Exploring new ways to hold to account governments and others who support or tolerate persistent abuses;
   (vi)    Supporting efforts to encourage warring parties to value the benefits of restraint.

## How UAI is structured and works

The individuals and groups that champion UAI will be supported by a small secretariat, reporting to an international Executive Committee and an Advisory Board of prominent civil society leaders. While retaining its overall goal, UAI may develop new programmes and activities, in response to feedback from its network.


***The voices of a multitude of communities and committed individuals can be an irresistible force to confront the callous inhumanity of today's wars.***

***Action is imperative now!***



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