



August 26, 2025

To:

Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir  
Chief of the General Staff, IDF

Dear Sir,

**Re: The Attack on Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis**

In light of the serious incident in which Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis was attacked, the Ethics Bureau of the Israeli Medical Association (hereinafter: the Ethics Bureau) expresses deep concern regarding the harm caused to health institutions, medical teams, patients, and innocent civilians.

We wish to acknowledge the IDF's swift response, which included the immediate initiation of an investigation and the issuance of a public apology. Nevertheless, we reiterate our profound concern and call upon the IDF to ensure by all possible means that such incidents do not recur in the future.

According to international conventions to which the State of Israel is a signatory, as well as the Israeli Medical Association's own commitment to professional ethics and the conventions of the World Medical Association, all health institutions and medical personnel engaged solely in medical purposes are entitled to protection during armed conflict.

The Ethics Bureau calls upon the IDF to take every possible measure to ensure the essential functioning of hospitals in particular and of medical services in general, including in combat zones. Guidelines reflecting this should be disseminated and implemented down to the level of the individual soldier, in accordance with the Israeli Medical Association's position paper, written in collaboration with IDF representatives and reaffirmed on August 5, 2025, entitled "Ensuring Medical and Health Services during the Israeli-Palestinian Armed Conflict."

Respectfully,

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