



September 29, 2025

Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir
Chief of General Staff, IDF

Re: Request for an Official Clarification Regarding IDF's Policy on Medical Institutions and Medical Personnel

Dear Sir,

The Israel Medical Association (IMA) has been acting since the outbreak of the Iron Swords War, among other things, to safeguard the good name of Israel's physicians.

In light of repeated allegations against the State of Israel in general, and its doctors in particular, we are striving to maintain our standing as a professional body committed to universal values of medical ethics and our moral obligation to international medical norms, in particular the Geneva Conventions and the principles of protecting human life.

Recently, serious accusations have been published in the international arena, claiming that the IDF deliberately intends to harm medical institutions, health infrastructure, and even medical staff, with the purpose of damaging the health system itself. One such example can be seen in the OHCHR press release. These accusations raise profound concern, given their potential to undermine the standing of medicine in Israel and to erode the trust of the international medical and scientific community in the Israeli health system — consequences that would be broad and long-lasting.

Accordingly, we turn to you with a request for an official and clear clarification regarding the IDF's policy in relation to actions involving medical institutions and personnel, specifically:



1. Whether there is a formal directive to protect medical institutions and medical personnel, even during combat.
2. What standards and oversight mechanisms are applied to prevent unnecessary or disproportionate harm to health systems, and how internal monitoring is conducted to ensure full compliance with the Geneva Conventions and international ethical norms.

Respectfully,

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