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## Atrocities in Jerusalem

Assalaam alaikum.

During the holy month of Ramadan, we are witnessing the indiscriminate use of rubber-coated steel bullets, stun grenades, and water cannons directed at worshippers at the third holiest site in Islam. Hundreds of residents of the Jerusalem Neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah are on the verge of expulsion from their homes, and armed settlers and Israeli soldiers are terrorizing the community and those in solidarity with them. As of writing this, twenty people have reportedly been killed, including nine children, and over eight hundred have been injured.

The actions of the Israeli police are not designed for crowd control. These actions are state-sponsored violence. The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago condemns the continuing brutal attacks on Muslim worshippers at the Dome of the Rock sanctuary. These actions are crimes against humanity.

The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago joins the call of United States Council of Muslim Organizations to condemn the actions of the Israeli government and to demand that it be held accountable by our elected officials. Please join this united effort to end these horrible atrocities.

Please call **202-225-3121**, and you will be connected to your Representative's office. Once you get a staff member on the line (or if you are asked to leave a voice message), Mention your name, your address, and ask your Representative to do the following:

- 1- Join the Pocan-Newman letter: Representatives Marie Newman and Mark Pocan are leading an important letter to urge Secretary of State Tony Blinken and the Biden Administration to express their concern about Israel's imminent plan to forcibly displace nearly 2,000 Palestinians in the Jerusalem neighborhoods of Al-Bustan and Sheikh Jarrah and calls upon the Department of State to exert diplomatic

pressure to prevent these acts from taking place. The letter will be sent to Secretary Blinken on Thursday, so please use your representative to join the letter today!

- 2- Publicly condemn Israel's attacks on Palestinians in Jerusalem. Many members of Congress have issued press releases or social media posts condemning Israel's attacks. Call on your representative to join them.

As our the Palestinian citizens in Jerusalem brave a military assault, let us remain steadfast in our support for their struggle.

Signed,

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