

Statement

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## **The Recent Violence in The Gaza Strip**

The DISE Collective condemns the escalation of violence and the catastrophe that is unfolding in the Gaza Strip. Since October 7, a staggering number of civilians have been killed or wounded, and more than 1 million people have been displaced. The Israeli defense minister announced that all food, water, electricity, and other supplies would be cut off to the people of Gaza, who he called “human animals.” We denounce the dehumanization and devaluation of Palestinian lives, along with the withholding of essential supplies and aid, which is creating a severe humanitarian crisis. As scholars deeply committed to challenging the intertwined systems of patriarchy, racism, and colonialism, we know that what is happening in Gaza cannot be divorced from the history of occupation, Israeli apartheid, and the devastating blockade of Gaza by Israel during the past 16 years. We call for an immediate ceasefire, the provision of humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, and for negotiations aimed at recognizing the political, economic, and human rights of the Palestinian people.