



APsA Condemns Murder of Palestinian American Boy and Violence Against Anyone Based on Group Identity

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The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsA) is saddened by the tremendous loss of innocent lives and condemns the recent brutal murder of the young Palestinian American boy in Chicago. Neither this boy, Palestinian Americans, nor innocent Palestinian or Muslim civilians should be held accountable for the actions of Hamas. Tragically, there are many innocent victims in war, but we condemn the targeting, mistreatment, abuse, and violence against anyone based on their group identity.

People are entitled to their beliefs and feelings, but acting on Anti-Arab, Anti-Israeli, Anti-Palestinian, Anti-Christian, Anti-Muslim, Anti-Semitic, Ethnic, Nationalist, Racist, Religious, and all forms of prejudice is unacceptable. These barbaric actions have the intent of sowing hate and destroying any hope for peace between the overwhelming majority of Arab, Israeli, Palestinian, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and indeed all peoples who want to find ways to live together in peace and prosperity.

We hope that those who commit atrocities to destroy the possibility of peace will not succeed. We mourn for this boy, the innocent people lost recently in the hospital in Gaza, and the innocent civilians lost in war. We hope innocent civilians, no matter where they are and no matter what they believe, will be spared. We hope for peace.

APsA stands with Arabs, Israelis, Palestinians, Christians, Jews, Muslims, all religious and ethnic groups, and all those who act for peaceful, respectful, and dignified coexistence. We condemn mistreatment and violence in APsA and worldwide.

Sincerely,
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