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The [International Pediatric Association](#) (IPA) expresses deep concern towards the violence in Al-Aqsa Mosque on May 7, 2021, following on the eviction of Palestinians in East Jerusalem, including Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

This aggression happened during a global pandemic, particularly within the holy Ramadan month. This crime is an act of violation towards children and families' right to safety during this pandemic. Furthermore, Ramadan should be a time for gathering of families and everyone should have the right to perform their religious prayers in absence of fear.

Eviction of families does not only abolish their right to own property but also hinders children from a safe environment for nourishment and growth, resulting in toxic stress within refugee families.

In alignment with IPA constitution, we should voice children's rights and protect them from violence and harm. We should voice children's rights and leave no one behind regardless of their age, race, or birthplace. By ensuring these rights, only then we can safeguard children's health, well-being, and bright future.

This letter serves as an official position statement and we urge the United Nation's call to action to avert children's detention and abuse within this long-standing conflict. We should all strive for fair, equal, and dignified treatment of children, under the [Convention on the Rights of the Child \(CRC\)](#). Our actions are imperative to prevent further incursions, state-sanctioned takeovers of Palestinian families, and escalation, as this would inflict both health and psychological trauma to the children, as well as family structure destructions.

IPA: working for Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere



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