

# Middle East Network Newsletter - **Action Alert**

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## GAZA ACTION ALERT ASK PRESIDENT OBAMA TO URGENTLY ADDRESS THE GAZA HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

More than a year after the Gaza war, residents are still unable to rebuild their homes and infrastructure remains in shambles. One and half million people are trapped in deplorable conditions due to the border closures which severely limit imports, exports, humanitarian aid, and transit.

Seven organizations, including Churches for Middle East Peace, have sent a letter dated February 4, 2010 to President Obama asking for action to address the Gaza situation, and stating:

We recall your words in January 2009, after the devastating war in Gaza: “I was deeply concerned by...the substantial suffering and humanitarian needs in Gaza. Our hearts go out to Palestinian civilians who are in need of immediate food, clean water, and basic medical care, and who've faced suffocating poverty for far too long.” Yet today, due to Israel’s policy of severely limiting passage of essential goods and material through its crossings, the suffering in Gaza continues.

The letter concludes by asking the U.S. administration to act now: “We urge, therefore, that your administration use America’s unique relationship with Israel to persuade it to lift the closure of its border crossing with Gaza now.”

**[Take action by adding your name to the letter to the President today!](#)**

**Spread the word by asking others to sign as well. Print out a copy of the paper petition and gather signatures in your local area. Your work in reaching out to others will help strengthen the call to end the Gaza blockade now.**

**[Copy of the letter and paper petition form](#)**

Thank you for taking action today!  
For more on Gaza, **[click here](#)**.



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