



## **APA SG's Statement on Assassination of Hamas Head of Political Bureau**

It is about ten months since the apartheid regime of Israel has launched its brutal military offensive and act of genocide in the Gaza Strip, slaughtering over 40,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

The silence and inaction of international bodies aligned with the support by western powers of the ongoing atrocities has bolstered the Zionist Entity to continue its inhumane crimes.

In defiance of all the international law, Israel's state terrorism, in its latest act of terror, unleashed an overt aggression against the national and territorial sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran and martyred Mr. Ismael Haniyeh, the ex-Prime Minister of Palestine and the incumbent Hamas Chairman of Political Bureau, who was in Iran as an official guest of the Islamic Republic of Iran along with over 80 other high ranking foreign dignitaries to participate in the swearing-in inauguration ceremony of Iran's New President.

In my capacity as Secretary General of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, I extend my heartfelt condolence on the martyrdom of this great resistance leader to his bereaved family and share my sympathy with his colleagues and resilient people of Palestine. I also strongly condemn this inhumane crime and call on international organizations and institutions, particularly parliamentary bodies to urgently take every decisive measure needed to compel the apartheid Zionist regime to put an end to the ongoing genocidal acts.

In the meantime, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly will steadfastly continue its unwavering support for the Palestinian aspirations, including restoration of the historical rights of the people of this territory, liberation of the occupied lands, return of the refugees and establishment of an independent state of Palestine.