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## **OPEN LETTER TO THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY**

Dear Egyptian Embassy and the Foreign Ministry of Egypt,

We are the Student council of the Norwegian Civil Service Union (NTL Students). We are coming here to deliver a humanity message from the people of Gaza specially from the students of Gaza who are suffering the closure of Gaza and Rafah border during the last 5 months. This has resulted in more pain and oppression against the Palestinians there who are calling for the least of their Human Rights. Lots of students lost their scholarships, they could not attend their schools and universities in Europe, and patients who can not go to their hospitals.

We got involved as Norwegian students in the International campaign to open Rafah border. The campaign has gathered more than 10,000 signatures from students, human rights activists, politicians, Ministers, Nobel prize winners, public figures, EU Parliamentary members and Prime Ministers of some countries.

We call on Egypt's interim government to:

- Re-open the Rafah crossing to travelers going in and out of Gaza, with reasonable security checks and no artificial limits.
- Halt the destruction of the tunnels until Egypt has opened the Rafah crossing to commercial traffic, including fuel and construction materials.
- Work to open Gaza 's borders with both Egypt and Israel on a permanent basis, as well as to allow Palestinians to travel and trade via air and sea -- thus ending the blockade and allowing the residents to build a normal economy.

NTL Students do not support smuggling of weapons and narcotics through the tunnels, but as long as neither Egypt or Israel re-opens the border, the tunnels are the only way to bring medicine, fuel and construction materials to Gaza.

We are hoping and looking forward that your embassy could deliver our signatures to the Egyptian government. We also ask you to put pressure on them to open Rafah border permanently as soon as possible, and help in breaking the blockade of Gaza through all possible ways which can let the citizens of Gaza to live a good human life.



We count on the rule of Egypt in the Middle East which was always appreciated and we wish that Egypt can always have the great human rights rule to help Palestinians to live with their right to travel, study, and trade normally.

Gaza people and specially students and patients must be allowed to travel for their right to study and to get health care at last.

Again NTL Students will show our international solidarity with the students of Gaza who struggle everyday in front of Rafah Border to have their human rights.

Thanks for your efforts in supporting Human Rights and Peace in the Middle East and We wish Egypt more Peace soon.

Best regards

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List of petitioners