

In the name of Merciful God that created prophets as messengers of peace amongst nations

Dear Mr. Ban Kimoon, Secretary General of United Nations

Ever since we heard about your organization and it's mission to prevent war, we the middle school students at Shayestagan in Qazvin-Iran are at peace and comfort. Knowing that you exist to guard us for global peace is very encouraging.

However, every time we hear on our daily news about war casualties of innocent people, we, as the children of this planet get really distraught and sad.

We don't understand who has the right or justification to kill another human being in the name of war. Aren't we all children of God? Some of these countries, due to their wealth and power, impose their will upon others and give them no choice but to follow their instructions. In the event that they don't follow, in their opinion, they shall be demolished and killed. And then they publicize their image as a peacemaker in the world. We as the children of future generation don't understand this logic. Why there is such bullying and hypocrisy?

One day at school, we were thinking about how could we eradicate all global wars that are happening? We thought if we could turn every military weaponry factory into a food production facility, we can eradicate hunger by providing food to those needed. If we used all the military funds and disperse it to people that need food and shelter, we will eradicate poverty. If we used our military personnel to build homes and schools instead of destroying them, we will eradicate homelessness and help flourish global economy by providing education and knowledge to citizens of this planet.

All these would prevent crime and robbery, since there is no need for food, shelter and a decent living. If we would create such a peaceful climate in all countries, there would be no need for war and attacking ones nation.

Instead of having military planes dropping bombs, we could drop friendship letters of peace with opportunities to meet and become friends with one another.

Mr. Secretary General, when we go to veteran's centers and war cemeteries, we see mothers sitting and sobbing. They ask why? Why their sons had to die and no one was there to prevent them from dying. Why Saddam was given the support to have the latest weaponry to fight our country? Why those countries sold weapons, guns, tanks and planes to him? Why they let him have chemical weapons so that he could kill our people? Even today, we still have children that can't have a decent life a human being deserves, after being exposed to his chemical weapons.

We, the children of Iran, are very saddened when we see this present misery caused by an unnecessary war. We don't know whom to reach out to and ask our questions and share our thoughts. We believe you could be our voice. As the leader of the United Nations; you have the power and authority to ask our global leaders that please consider the following:

Let's pick a day and all of us eradicate our weapons, tanks and bombs. Once we no longer have any weapons, we see less justification to fight one another. And if we do chose to fight, since there is no weapon, there will be less causality. As a result, fewer children will die or get hurt.

All Abrahamic prophets (Prophet Moses, Jesus, Mohammad, Adam, Noah and others) were kind prophets and if we claim to be their true followers, we need to follow their kind and loving doctrines.

In the conclusion, we, the children of Iran would like to end with a quotation gift from a Persian poet, Saadi as it resides on the entrance of one of the halls in the United Nations building:

The sons of Adam are limbs of each other, Having been created of one essence.
When the calamity of time affects one limb, The other limbs cannot remain at rest.
If thou hast no sympathy for the troubles of others
Thou art unworthy to be called by the name of a human.

Yours truly,

On behalf of several students at Shayesteghan Middle School,
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