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UN STAFF FOR GAZA TO MOBILIZE ON WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

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UN Staff for Gaza will mobilize on Tuesday 19 August 2025 for [World Humanitarian Day](#).

Members of United Nations Staff and related personnel will gather at **5pm Eastern Time (USA)**, at the statue of Non-Violence (also known as The Knotted Gun) on the premises of United Nations Headquarters in New York. They will **pay tribute** to the 346 members of United Nations personnel, and 162 other humanitarians, confirmed killed in the Gaza Strip since October 2023. They will **express solidarity** with members of United Nations personnel and other humanitarians on the ground, who work in unspeakable conditions. They will reaffirm the urging by United Nations leadership for immediate, unobstructed humanitarian access and an immediate ceasefire.

The provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Opening remarks about the UN4Gaza Initiative.
2. Message of encouragement from Mr. Andrew Gilmour, Chair of UN Staff for Gaza.
3. Remarks from Dr. Mourad Wahba, Director a.i. of the UNRWA Liaison Office in New York.
4. Moment of silence in honor of UN personnel and other humanitarians killed in Gaza (at least 346 UN colleagues, at least 162 other humanitarians).
5. Gentle banging of empty pots and pans for 108 seconds, one second each for the 108 children confirmed dead from starvation.

This mobilization serves as a call to action in defence of our common humanity.

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