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The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) expresses its profound shock and outrage following the discovery of a mass grave in Gaza containing the bodies of medical workers, including those from the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), with their hands bound. This horrific finding underscores the escalating violence against healthcare professionals and the blatant disregard for international humanitarian law.

The PMA strongly condemns these heinous acts, which represent a grave violation of the sanctity of human life and the fundamental principles of medical neutrality. The deliberate killing of medical personnel, whose sole mission is to provide life-saving care, is an unconscionable war crime.

The discovery of this mass grave is frightening evidence to the barbarity of the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

"The fact that these medical workers, who were dedicated to serving the most vulnerable, were found with their hands bound speaks to the deliberate and systematic nature of these killings. This is an affront to humanity and cannot be tolerated."

The PMA calls upon the international community, including the United Nations and human rights organizations, to launch an immediate and thorough investigation into these atrocities. We demand that those responsible for these war crimes be held accountable and brought to justice.

Furthermore, the PMA reiterates its demand for the international community to exert maximum pressure on the Israeli government to ensure the safety and protection of healthcare workers and medical facilities in Gaza. The provision of medical care must be allowed to continue without fear of violence.

The PMA stands in solidarity with the families of the victims and the healthcare workers in Gaza who continue to serve under extremely challenging and dangerous conditions. We reiterate our unwavering commitment to upholding the principles of medical ethics and humanitarian law.

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