

Invitation to the Media

A shroud bearing 60,000 names

against inaction and the disregard for the law

Monday 14 september 2026 · 13:00-15:00 Bundesplatz Bern



**60,000 NAMES
AGAINST INACTION AND
CONTEMPT FOR THE LAW**

SILENT PROTEST
14 SEPTEMBER 2026
13:00 – 15:00
BUNDESPLATZ
BERN

At the opening of the
autumn session of the
Swiss Parliament

By giving a name and a visual
representation to at least some of the
victims of the genocide in Gaza, we call
on our Government to:

- 1) call on Israel's political and military leaders to open the Gaza borders to allow the entry of aid essential to the survival and health of the population, as well as the entry of independent media.
- 2) organise and coordinate the admission and treatment in Switzerland of a new group of civilian victims from Gaza, in particular women and children who are seriously injured or ill, as was already done at the end of 2025.
- 3) declare that, should the Israeli Government fail to put an end to practices that violate international humanitarian law in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, it will be subject to sanctions targeting the individuals, companies and institutions involved in implementing these policies, in line with Switzerland's obligation to ensure compliance with the Geneva Conventions, in its capacity as a High Contracting Party (Common Article 1).

**HEALTHCARE
IS NOT
A TARGET.**

PEOPLE.
RIGHTS.
HUMANITY.
ACCOUNTABILITY.

FOR A JUST
FUTURE FOR
PALESTINE.

HEALTH
WORKERS
FOR A
JUST AND
HUMAN
FUTURE

SWISS 
HEALTHCARE WORKERS AGAINST GENOCIDE



A 60-metre banner will be unfurled, bearing more than 60,000 names representing a fraction of the confirmed victims in Gaza. The action replicates (with minor difference due to restrictions at the start of the autumn session of the Parliament) a similar action during the Locarno film festival, that can be seen in [this video](#).

The event aims to give a name and a presence to the victims – the vast majority of whom are civilians, including healthcare and media workers – of one of the most serious violations of international law of our time, which we must refuse to normalise.

Our demands are taken [from the appeal to the Federal Council presented in Bern on 18 June by former Federal Councillor Ruth Dreifuss, signed by 600 prominent figures from civil society.](#)

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The initiative also stems from the observation that some sections of the Swiss media have devoted limited coverage to a humanitarian and legal tragedy of exceptional gravity. We believe that comprehensive and balanced reporting is an essential prerequisite for an informed public debate.

The action is organised by:

- [SHWAG Association](#) (Swiss Healthcare Workers Against Genocide), who organised the hunger strike in front of Parliament September 2025)