

PRESS STATEMENT

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IDC CONDEMNS WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE-GAZA

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) joins with other organizations, agencies, groups, individuals and institutions worldwide in expressing strong and unequivocal condemnation of the continuing horrific war between Israel and Palestine-Gaza which has so far resulted in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries, and unknown number of abductions, in addition to the untold devastation of homes, buildings and infrastructure.



United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres condemned "in the strongest terms" the attack by Hamas against Israeli towns, UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric said, urging "maximum restraint" and that "all diplomatic efforts" are made "to avoid a wider conflagration". "Civilians must be respected and protected in accordance with international humanitarian law at all times".

The European Union (EU) urges all parties to de-escalate the situation and to end the vicious cycle of violence. "Sustainable security can only be achieved through a political solution to the conflict, which allows Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace, dignity, and prosperity".

The EU continues to stress that civilians, especially children, must be protected under all circumstances and that the use of force must be proportionate and only a means of last resort, when strictly unavoidable in order to protect life, in line with international humanitarian law.

IDC's global membership shares the pain and anguish of those affected and "we urge all efforts regionally and internationally to resolve this conflict as quickly as possible to prevent more deaths, injuries and destruction".

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