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# International Reactions to the Hamas Attack Against Israel

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## **NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE**

[Joint Statement by U.S., France, UK, Italy, and Germany](#): Today, we—President Macron of France, Chancellor Scholz of Germany, Prime Minister Meloni of Italy, Prime Minister Sunak of the United Kingdom, and President Biden of the United States—express our steadfast and united support to the State of Israel, and our unequivocal condemnation of Hamas and its appalling acts of terrorism. We make clear that the terrorist actions of Hamas have no justification, no legitimacy, and must be universally condemned. There is never any justification for terrorism. In recent days, the world has watched in horror as Hamas terrorists massacred families in their homes, slaughtered over 200 young people enjoying a music festival, and kidnapped elderly women, children, and entire families, who are now being held as hostages. Our countries will support Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities. We further emphasize that this is not a moment for any party hostile to Israel to exploit these attacks to seek advantage. All of us recognize the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people, and support equal measures of justice and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike. But make no mistake: Hamas does not represent those aspirations, and it offers nothing for the Palestinian people other than more terror and bloodshed. Over the coming days, we will remain united and coordinated, together as allies, and as common friends of Israel, to ensure Israel is able to defend itself, and to ultimately set the conditions for a peaceful and integrated Middle East region.

USA:

- [State Department](#): The United States unequivocally condemns the appalling attacks by Hamas terrorists against Israel, including civilians and civilian communities. There is never any justification for terrorism. We stand in solidarity with the government and people of Israel, and extend our condolences for the Israeli lives lost in these attacks. We will remain in close contact with our Israeli partners. The United States supports Israel's right to defend itself.

- [Biden](#): This morning, I spoke with Prime Minister Netanyahu about the horrific and ongoing attacks in Israel. The United States unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza, and I made clear to Prime Minister Netanyahu that we stand ready to offer all appropriate means of support to the Government and people of Israel. Terrorism is never justified. Israel has a right to defend itself and its people. The United States warns against any other party

hostile to Israel seeking advantage in this situation. My Administration's support for Israel's security is rock solid and unwavering. Jill and I are keeping in our prayers all of the families who have been hurt by this violence. We are heartbroken by the lives that have been tragically cut short and hope for a swift recovery for all those who have been wounded. My team and I are tracking this situation closely, and I will remain in close touch with Prime Minister Netanyahu.

- [Biden on X](#): Let me say this as clearly as I can. This is not a moment for any party hostile to Israel to exploit these attacks to seek advantage. My Administration's support for Israel's security is rock solid and unwavering.

- [Austin](#): I am closely monitoring developments in Israel. Our commitment to Israel's right to defend itself remains unwavering, and I extend my condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this abhorrent attack on civilians. Over the coming days the Department of Defense will work to ensure that Israel has what it needs to defend itself and protect civilians from indiscriminate violence and terrorism.

- [Tel Aviv Embassy Security Alert](#): The U.S. Embassy is closely monitoring the security situation as a result of rockets fired from Gaza across southern and central Israel, including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and the infiltration of Hamas militants. The U.S. Embassy is aware that there have been casualties as a result of these incidents. U.S. citizens are reminded to remain vigilant and take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness as security incidents, including mortar and rocket fire, often take place without warning. U.S. Embassy personnel are currently sheltering in place. U.S. government personnel continue to be prohibited from travel to Gaza and areas within seven (7) miles of Gaza.

- [Amb. Linda Thomas Greenfield](#): I am outraged and horrified by the appalling unprovoked, brutal attacks by Hamas terrorists against Israel. The United States stands firmly with the Government and people of Israel and unequivocally condemns Hamas' violence against civilians. When I spoke today with Israeli officials, I extended the United States' heartfelt condolences for the lives lost, and reaffirmed our ironclad support for Israel's security and right to self-defense. My team and I remain in close contact with our Israeli counterparts.

- Embassy Riyadh: Secretary Blinken offered his sincere condolences to the families of the victims of these attacks. His country's strong solidarity with Secretary of State Antony Blinken strongly condemned the horrific attacks launched by Hamas terrorists against Israel, reaffirming the government and people of Israel.

- [Former President Obama](#): All Americans should be horrified and outraged by the brazen terrorist attacks on Israel and the slaughter of innocent civilians. We grieve for those who died, pray for the safe return of those who've been held hostage, and stand squarely alongside our ally, Israel, as it dismantles Hamas. As we support Israel's right to defend itself against terror, we must keep striving for a just and lasting peace for Israelis and Palestinians alike.

Albania:

- [President on X](#): I strongly condemn the attacks on Israel by Hamas. In these moments, we stand with #Israel. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families. Albania stands firm against any form of terrorism.
- [PM on X](#): I strongly condemn the terrorist attack by Hamas against Israel. We stand firm against terrorism. Our thoughts are with the victims, their families and all of Israel.

Andorra:

- PM on X:
  - [#1](#): We call, on both parties, to stop the escalation of violence and to respect international humanitarian law and deploy all diplomatic efforts to protect the civilian populations of both Israel and Palestine.
  - [#2](#): On behalf of @GovernAndorra and myself, I condemn the terrorist attacks perpetrated in various places in Israel and express our support and solidarity with the Israeli authorities and the civilian population.

Austria:

- [MFA on X](#): We stand in solidarity with our Israeli partners. There is no excuse for terror!
- [FM on X](#): I strongly condemn the Hamas terrorist infiltration from Gaza into Israel and the indiscriminate attacks with thousands of rockets targeting innocent civilians. Israel has a right to defend itself against such senseless terror.

Belarus:

- [MOFA Statement](#): Belarus expresses serious concern about the sharp escalation of the situation in Israel, accompanied by casualties. We consider any manifestation of aggression unacceptable, and casualties among civilians unacceptable. We call on the parties to the confrontation to take urgent measures to de-escalate tensions in the region. We are convinced that there is no alternative to direct negotiations for a long-term settlement of the Palestinian-Israeli crisis.
- [President on X](#): We strongly condemn the attacks by Hamas on #Israel, which have led to widespread devastation & the tragic loss of innocent lives. The resilience & strength of the Israeli people shines through adversity. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of the victims.

Belgium ([FM Hadja Lahbib on X](#)): Belgium condemns in the strongest possible terms the multiple and indiscriminate attacks across Israel by Hamas. We call for an immediate cessation of these attacks and violence. Belgium recalls the importance of working towards a lasting and sustainable peace.

Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- MOFA on X:
  - [#1](#): In this morning's attacks by Hamas on Israel, there are no injured citizens of BiH. This information was confirmed by the BiH embassy.
  - [#2](#): We condemn all forms of violence, especially the killing of innocent civilians. As victims of brutal attacks on cities and civilians, we deeply understand the value of every peaceful moment. We urge for de-escalation of the conflict and the immediate pursuit of long term peace accords.

Bulgaria:

- FM/Dep PM on X:
  - [#1](#). Spoke w/ILFA Minister @elico1 & expressed our solidarity with the people of Israel. We condemn once again the horrific attacks carried out against IL. My thoughts are with the families of the victims & the wounded. Israel has the right to defend itself in line w/international law.
  - [#2](#). I strongly condemn the large scale attacks against Israel and the Hamas terrorist infiltration from Gaza. The violence must be stopped immediately to avoid further escalation of the conflict.
- [President on X](#): “Bulgaria unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks on the State of Israel this morning, which killed and wounded many innocent citizens. We express our strong support and solidarity with Israel at this difficult moment.”

Canada:

- [Trudeau on X](#): Canada strongly condemns the current terrorist attacks against Israel. These acts of violence are completely unacceptable. We stand with Israel and fully support its right to defend itself. Our thoughts are with everyone affected by this. Civilian life must be protected.
- [Trudeau Statement \(10/8\)](#): “Early yesterday, on a Jewish holiday and 50 years after the start of the Yom Kippur War, the terrorist organization Hamas launched a massive, coordinated attack against Israel. Canada unequivocally condemns these terrible attacks in the strongest possible terms and reaffirms its support for Israel’s right to defend itself, in accordance with international law. The images we have seen are horrifying and shocking. As we fully realize the scale and brutality of this violence in the coming days, we extend our deepest condolences to everyone affected. Our hearts break for the hundreds of innocent people whose lives were senselessly taken. We call for the immediate release of those being held hostage and demand they be treated in accordance with international law. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and we are in touch with our international partners to restore peace and security in the region. We must all work to protect civilian life. To our Israeli friends, Canadians stand with you. The Government of Canada stands ready to support you – our support for the Israeli people is steadfast.”

Croatia ([Minister of Foreign and European Affairs on X](#)): Croatia strongly condemns massive terrorist attacks on Israel and violence waged against innocent people. We stand in solidarity with #Israel and call for immediate de-escalation.

Cyprus ([MFA on X](#)): Utter & full condemnation of the horrific terrorist infiltration from Hamas in Gaza into Israel & of the thousands of indiscriminate attacks with rockets against civilians. Our thoughts are with everyone affected. We stand in solidarity with our partner Israel.

Czechia:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs on X:
  - [#1](#). Resolutely condemning terrorist infiltration of Israel across Gaza border and massive rocket attacks launched this morning from Gaza on Israel. This is an unacceptable escalation!

- [Flying the Israeli flag](#)
- [FM on X](#): “Spoke to @elico1 n this morning. Repeated that Czechia cz is ready to help in any way we can. We will support Israel both directly and on the international stage. My thoughts are with the Israeli people, who have every right to defend themselves against disgraceful attack.”

Denmark:

- [FM on X](#): Just spoke on the phone with Israel's foreign minister @elico1, who told about the deeply serious situation on the ground. Denmark supports Israel in this difficult time. We must all stand together against terrorism, and I condemn in the strongest possible terms the attacks against Israel.
- [Office of the PM on X](#): PM Mette Frederiksen: Strongly condemn the large scale attacks against Israel and reject terrorism in all forms. My thoughts are with the victims and their families."

Estonia ([FM](#)): I completely condemn the attacks launched by the terrorist organisation Hamas against Israel today, which further escalates the situation in the region. For the safety and welfare of the people in the region, I am urging the aggressor to end its hostilities. I am extending my deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the attacks. Estonia stands in solidarity with Israel, who has a full right to defend itself and its people. We are closely following the developments in Israel.

Finland:

- MFA on X:
  - [#1](#). “In phone call with Israel’s Foreign Minister Eli Cohen. Extended our deep condolences over the lives lost and the abhorrent terror targeting civilians. The situation is the most severe in 50 years. Our solidarity is with the people of Israel. 🇫🇮”
  - [#2](#). I condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist rocket attacks targeting Israel this morning. My solidarity is with the innocent people affected. I invite Finnish nationals to remain vigilant and follow local instructions

France:

- Macron on X:
  - [#1](#). I have spoken to President Herzog and Prime Minister Netanyahu. I condemn the attacks carried out from Gaza on Israel, its soldiers and its people. France stands in solidarity with Israel and the Israelis, committed to their security and their right to defend themselves.
  - [#2](#). I strongly condemn the current terrorist attacks against Israel. I express my full solidarity with the victims, their families and loved ones.

Germany ([Foreign Office on X](#)): Hamas is escalating the violence. I strongly condemn the terrorist attacks against #Israel from Gaza. Violence & rockets against innocent civilians must stop now. We stand in full solidarity with Israel & its right under intl. Law to defend itself against terror.

Georgia:

- [MOFA on X](#): We strongly condemn the horrific terrorist attack on the State of Israel, causing loss of life and express solidarity with the Israeli government and people. Our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of the victims of this terrible attack. We wish a speedy recovery to all those injured.
- [President on X](#): Deeply concerned with the recent escalation in Israel and the loss of innocent human lives. Georgia stands in full solidarity with the State of Israel in these difficult moments. Terror and inhumanity should have no place in our modern world.

[Greece \(MoFA on X\)](#): Greece strongly condemns today's launch of heavy rocket attacks from Gaza against Israel. Greece stands with Israel and is deeply concerned by this unacceptable escalation of violence.

Hungary:

- [Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Relations on X](#): "ILHUFM Szijjártó spoke with his Israeli counterpart, @elicoh1, over the phone to discuss the extremely distressing situation as Israel faces a vile terrorist attack. He reaffirmed Hungary's #support for Israel in these difficult times and expressed hope that an escalation could be prevented as a Middle East violence wave would have dramatic global security consequences.
- [Orbán on X](#): "We strongly condemn the brutal attack against #Israel, and unequivocally support Israel's right to self-defence. I would like to express my sympathy and condolences to Prime Minister @netanyahu. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Israel in these dark hours."

Iceland: [MFA on X](#): Iceland strongly condemns the attacks by Hamas on Israel. These attacks must be stopped. The cycle of violence must be broken. People deserve peace and security.

[Italy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#): Rocket attacks and ground incursions by armed Hamas groups have been taking place in Israel since the morning of Saturday 7 October. The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Hon. Antonio Tajani, who was immediately informed, is in constant contact with the Crisis Unit and the Italian Embassy in Israel to monitor the developments of the situation and has invited his compatriots residents of Israel with the utmost caution. "The Government condemns in the strongest terms the attacks on Israel," Tajani declared. "People's lives, the security of the region and the resumption of any political process are at risk. Hamas must immediately stop this barbaric violence. We support Israel's right to exist and defend itself."

Latvia:

- [Foreign Ministry on X](#): Latvia strongly condemns the attacks of the terrorist group "Hamas" in Israel, which have claimed the lives of civilians. This deplorable act escalates the already very tense situation in the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.
- [President on X](#): I strongly condemn terrorist attacks launched by #Hamas against innocent Israeli citizens. #Israel has right to defend itself. #Latvia stands in solidarity with the people of Israel and I offer my deep condolences to the families and friends of the victims #Israel\_under\_attack

Lithuania:

- [President on X](#): Lithuania unequivocally condemns attacks by Hamas against civilians in #Israel. We stand in full solidarity with it in these horrible hours, our condolences for families of the victims. Israel has the right to defend itself.
- [Vilnius City Mayor, RT by MFA on X](#): “Today, Vilnius is illuminated in white and blue in solidarity with the people of Israel. We are bound by history with the Jewish nation and stand together with you during these difficult times.” (+ Photo)
- [PM on X](#): I strongly condemn the terror attacks on #Israel this morning, and express my condolences to all those affected by these terrorist acts. Terror will never prevail. Our thoughts are with the people in Israel.
- [MoFA on X](#): “Lithuania strongly condemns the firing of rockets and strikes on civilians by Hamas in Israel. The use of violence and terrorism must end.”

#### Luxembourg:

- Foreign Ministry on X:
  - [#1](#): FM #Asselborn: « Luxembourg participated constructively in the EU’s negotiations of a statement condemning the horrible terror attacks by Hamas against #Israel. At no point did we refuse to call #Hamas a terror organization. Only to ask for the text : a call to avoid escalation »
  - [#2](#). FM Jean #Asselborn strongly condemns rocket attacks against #Israel coming from #Gaza and is deeply concerned by escalating violence. Situation inside Gaza is dire and another conflict must be avoided. All parties must protect civilians.

Malta ([President on X](#)): I am deeply shocked by the ongoing reports of Hamas attacks on Israeli citizens. I condemn this act of violence against civilians and against peace. No peace can be achieved through violence. Violence only breeds further violence.

#### Mexico:

- [FM on X](#): I regret to inform that our @EmbaMexIsr has informed us that a Mexican woman and a Mexican man have been allegedly taken hostage by the Hamas group, in Gaza, this Saturday. We are in contact with authorities in Israel and family members to provide follow-up, support and care.
- “Government of Mexico”: The Government of Mexico has been closely following the recent events in Israel and Palestine and unequivocally condemns the unacceptable attacks against the people of Israel on October 7 by Hamas and other Palestinian organizations in Gaza. Any terrorist act constitutes a threat to international peace and security, which calls for the full cooperation of all States to prevent and punish them. No cause justifies the use of terrorism. Mexico recognizes Israel’s right to legitimate self-defense—which must be governed by the conditions established in international law—while condemning the use of force, regardless of which side uses it, especially when the targets are civilians, in clear violation of international humanitarian law. Mexico notes with utmost concern the escalation of violence sparked by the recent events between Israel and Palestine, which have tragically resulted in the deaths of hundreds of civilians, including women and children, the taking of hostages and a large number of wounded. The Government of Mexico expresses its fullest solidarity with the victims and their families and makes a strong appeal for allowing the unimpeded delivery of

humanitarian assistance. These appalling events should serve as a reminder, once again, of the urgent need to resume negotiations to reach a definitive solution to the conflict in the region. Mexico's position is clear: Mexico is in favor of a comprehensive, definitive two-State solution to the conflict that addresses Israel's legitimate security concerns and allows for the consolidation of a politically and economically viable Palestinian State that lives side by side with Israel within secure and internationally recognized borders in accordance with the United Nations resolutions. Responsibility for resuming the peace process undoubtedly lies with the parties to the conflict. It is, however, incumbent upon the international community and the United Nations to support a political process aimed at promoting a just and sustainable peace in the region. True to the constitutional principle of the peaceful settlement of disputes, the Government of Mexico expresses its readiness to accompany any effort to establish a lasting peace in the region, based on mutual respect and full compliance with international law.

Moldova:

- MFA on X:
  - [#1](#): Moldova vehemently denounces the massive attacks on #Israel carried out by Hamas. We extend our deepest sympathies to the innocent victims & firmly reject these acts of terror and violence. Moldova stands firmly alongside Israel and its people.
  - [#2](#): Israel continues to face aggression from the terrorist organization, Hamas. In these challenging times, our thoughts are with the people of Israel. We firmly support their right to self-defense.
- PM on X: Moldova stands in solidarity with Israel following massive attacks on the Israeli people. The widespread violence against innocent civilians must stop. In these difficult moments, we stand together against terrorism.

Montenegro ([MFA on X](#)): We strongly condemn the terrorist attack carried out by #Hamas against #Israel. Escalation of violence against innocent civilians must stop. Our thoughts are with the victims and all those affected.

Netherlands:

- Minister of Foreign Affairs on X:
  - [#1](#). The Netherlands condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks on #Israel from Gaza. This must stop immediately. Israel has the right to defend itself. Our thoughts are with the victims and all those affected. We will continue to closely monitor the situation.
  - [#2](#). Just spoke to my Israeli colleague @elicoh1 to express our full solidarity with the people of #Israel. He informed me about the latest developments on the ground, which continue to be extremely worrying. Our thoughts are with everyone affected by this appalling violence.
- PM Mark Rutte on X:
  - [#1](#). Just spoke with ministers @HankeBruinsSlot, @DefensieMin Ollongren, @DilanYesilgoz and @karienvangennip about the situation in Israel. The Netherlands

supports Israel in its call to immediately stop the violence of the terrorist organization Hamas. Israel has every right to defend itself. Our thoughts are with everyone affected by this terrible violence. Together with many in the world, we call for the immediate release of the innocent hostages. We will of course look at how the situation affects Dutch people in Israel. In addition, many in the Netherlands, especially within the Jewish community, are very concerned. The government is extra alert to their safety. The National Security Council will meet tomorrow morning to discuss the situation. And later in the week a cabinet delegation will hold talks with representatives of the Jewish community.

- [#2](#). Just spoke with Prime Minister @netanyahu about the unprecedented attack by Hamas on Israel. I told him that the Netherlands unequivocally condemns this terrorist violence and fully supports Israel's right to defend itself.
- [#3](#). Appalling images from Israel. Terror organisation Hamas is waging an unprecedented attack on Israel. Innocent civilians are being attacked by terrorists. This violence must stop; Israel has every right to defend itself.

North Macedonia ([MOFA Statement](#)): The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bujar Osmani, today, to his colleague, Minister Eli Cohen, expressed his condolences for the victims and the consequences, while strongly condemning the continuous attacks on Israel, which started with yesterday's attack by Hamas. Osmani reaffirmed the position of the Ministry, for the immediate release of all civilians held hostage by Hamas, as well as the immediate cessation of any violent actions against Israel. In view of the worsening security situation this morning, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bujar Osmani, following an urgent procedure, formed a crisis headquarters within the Ministry, whose task is to monitor, coordinate and systematize all procedures related to our citizens who are in and around the threatened areas, and who will need help or assistance for their safe evacuation. According to the information of the Embassy of the Republic of North Macedonia in Tel Aviv, as well as according to the calls made to the SOS telephone in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Skopje, in Israel and the West Bank, the number of our citizens who report being found in and around the threatened areas is constantly increasing. The Embassy is in constant contact with all registered citizens of our country, during which preparatory measures are taken for possible assistance for their safe evacuation. In addition to the activities of the Embassy in Israel, an urgent instruction was sent this morning to the diplomatic-consular network of the Republic of North Macedonia in the surrounding countries, for their special preparation for possible activities and their 24-hour availability both for the headquarters in Skopje and for possible communication with the citizens. The diplomatic network is also in contact with colleagues from the diplomatic missions of friendly countries, who are also preparing for organized assistance to stranded citizens in and around threatened areas. Once again, we call on our citizens who are currently in Israel to respect the instructions of the security authorities of Israel, as well as to report to the embassy in Tel Aviv or to the duty phones in the headquarters in Skopje.

Norway

- MFA on X:
  - [#1](#). Norway strongly condemns the indiscriminate attacks on Israeli civilians and calls for an immediate halt of hostilities.
  - [#2](#): I have strongly condemned yesterday's horrific attack on Israeli civilians. In the past 24 hours I have talked with Israeli and Palestinian authorities, and with colleagues in the region. Targeting civilians is unacceptable, the violence must stop and

political talks restart.

Poland:

- [Embassy in TLV](#): We strongly condemn today's massive indiscriminate rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip against Israeli civilians & unprecedented terrorist infiltration in the south of the country. Our thoughts are with the families of the victims. It has right to defend itself from terrorist attacks
- President on X:
  - [#1](#). I've had a phone call with President @Isaac\_Herzog to whom I conveyed our solidarity with Israel. I condemned Hamas' attack, especially the acts of violence against civilians. I assured of the Polish support for the actions aimed at restoring security. Israel has a right to protect the life of its citizens.
  - [#2](#). I'm shocked by today's brutal attacks on Israel by Hamas. Rockets attacks and detention of civilians as hostages arouse our deepest opposition. Poland strongly condemns all acts of violence. I would like to express my deepest sympathy and condolences to all those affected by the attacks.
- MFA on X:
  - [#1](#). I had a phone call with Palestinian FM Riyadh al-Maliki to discuss the attacks from the Gaza Strip on Israel. I called for efforts to condemn these actions, and expressed the need for regional coordination to halt the violence, which has killed hundreds.
  - [#2](#). I just spoke with Israeli FM @elico1 to express my heartfelt sympathy in the face of the brutal attacks on Israel. I condemned the violence from the Gaza Strip and the appalling acts of terrorism against civilians. We discussed Israel's actions to protect its citizens, and ways to restore calm.
  - [#3](#): I condemn in the strongest terms the ongoing attacks by Hamas against Israel. Such indiscriminate violence and ruthless targeting of civilians is unacceptable. Our thoughts and prayers are with all affected by these outrageous acts of aggression.

Portugal ([MoFA on X](#)): "We firmly condemn the terrorist attacks launched by Hamas against civilians. Israel has the right to defend itself. These attacks will solve nothing, they will only make the situation worse. Israel has our full solidarity and condolences for the victims."

Romania:

- [PM on X](#): Terrible news coming from Israel this morning. We stand in full solidarity with Israel and condemn the rocket attacks against Israel. We send our condolences to the families and ask for these attacks to immediately stop.
- [FM on X](#): We stand in solidarity with Israel in these difficult moments. Strongly condemn the rockets attacks which spread terror. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims.

San Marino ([MFA Statement](#)): The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Luca Beccari, expresses deep

concern in these hours of escalation of violence in the Middle East, in the face of the ongoing aggression by the Palestinian resistance movement against Israel which is destabilizing the entire Region and causing numerous victims. San Marino's condemnation of armed solutions is firm and the appeal, renewed and convinced, is strong to relentlessly pursue the path of dialogue. Faced with increasingly frequent scenarios of armed conflicts, more or less nearby, it is imperative to resort to peace strategies and negotiated solutions on a global scale. The heartfelt and moved thoughts of the Republic now go to the many victims caused by the attack and to those who live in the area involved with growing anguish;

Serbia:

- [MOFA Statement](#): We stand with the citizens of Israel in this difficult hour. We deeply sympathize with the families of the victims and strongly condemn all forms of terrorism and violence. Giving up violence is the only way forward. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is closely following the events in Israel and is in contact with the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia in Tel Aviv, as well as our Honorary Consul Aleksandar Nikolić, so that our citizens can be provided with consular and any other type of assistance. According to the official data available so far, there are no citizens of the Republic of Serbia among the victims of today's attacks. Our representatives in Israel are in constant contact with the competent Israeli services, which they regularly report to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They are also in contact with groups of Serbian citizens who are staying in that country as tourists, as well as with our citizens living in Israel, to whom they try to provide all the necessary information and support. In this regard, the advice to all citizens of the Republic of Serbia who are in the territory of Israel, staying or visiting, is to follow the instructions of the competent rear protection authorities, which include staying in a proper public or home shelter during a rocket attack, i.e. staying at home or in hotel accommodation until public safety is ensured. Detailed information and instructions can be found on Israel's National Emergency Portal.
- [MFA on X](#): We stand by the citizens of #Israel in this difficult hour. Sending most heartfelt condolences to victims' families, we condemn in the strongest terms all forms of terrorism and violence. Renouncing violence is the only way forward.

Slovakia:

- [MOFA Statement](#): The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic strongly condemns the ongoing terrorist attacks against the State of Israel and its residents. We express our solidarity and full support for Israel in its right to self-defense. In this context, the Department of Diplomacy warns the traveling public about the worsening security situation in Israel. We carefully monitor the events in the country and evaluate them on an ongoing basis. Citizens of the Slovak Republic who are in Israel are urged to be extremely vigilant and follow the instructions of local authorities. If necessary, citizens can contact the Representative Office of the Slovak Republic in Tel Aviv. Important information and contacts are published on the website of the department ([www.mzv.sk](http://www.mzv.sk)) or the embassy, as well as on social networks.
- [PM on X](#): I am shocked & horrified by massive Hamas attacks on Israel. Aggression & violence on innocent people will never secure peace & stability in the Middle East.
- [FM on X](#): I strongly condemn today's deadly massive rocket attacks on #Israel from Gaza and terrorist infiltration into Israel territory. Israel has the right to defend itself against such aggression. My thoughts are with the families of the victims and with everyone affected.

- [President on X](#): I strongly condemn the indiscriminate strikes against IL. Our solidarity is with all victims of this aggression.

Slovenia:

- [FM on X](#):
  - “My colleagues in #EU and I are united in condemning the dismissive attack on #Israel. We are constantly in contact, collecting and verifying information. Protecting civilians is now a key priority, as is the release of the hostages. Together with our partners in the region, we are trying to prevent new outbreaks and ensure stability.”
- [President on X](#): I condemn every attack on civilian population, including today’s horrific attack by Hamas. My thoughts are with all the victims and their loved ones. I also believe now is the time for restraint from all sides to prevent the escalation of violence and further loss of lives and suffering of civilians.
- [MFEA on X](#): “We condemn in strongest possible terms today’s massive and indiscriminate terrorist attacks against Israel. We stand in solidarity with #Israel. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families.”

Spain:

- [FM on X](#):
  - [#1](#). Today I held talks with my counterparts from Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Palestine to address the crisis following the terrorist attack against Israel. I reiterate Spain’s commitment to the peace, security, and stability of the region.
  - [#2](#). This morning I spoke with my colleagues from Israel and Qatar. Last night with the High Representative to coordinate European action. We follow the evolution of the situation after attacks against Israel. We must avoid regional escalation of the conflict and loss of more innocent lives.
  - [#3](#). We strongly condemn the very serious terrorist attacks from Gaza against Israel. Overwhelmed by this indiscriminate violence. All our solidarity with the victims. Spain is firmly committed to peace, security and stability in the region.
- [President on X](#): We follow with dismay the terrorist attack against Israel and we stand in solidarity with the victims and their families. We strongly condemn terrorism and demand the immediate cessation of indiscriminate violence against the civilian population. Spain maintains its commitment to regional stability.

Sweden ([MoFA](#)): This morning’s developments in Israel and Gaza are deeply worrying. On behalf of the Swedish Government, I have condemned the attacks on Israel by the terrorist group Hamas in no uncertain terms. Israel has a natural right to defend itself against terrorism and indiscriminate rocket fire. Operations to this end are already under way. Naturally, it is important that Israel’s legitimate response is in accordance with the principles of international law. Joint efforts, including by regional actors and the UN, are also important in order to avoid a serious spiral of violence, full-scale war and knock-on effects in the region. The EU also has a role to play in this. Terrorism must be condemned and combated collectively. At the same time, renewed endeavors are needed to ultimately bring an end to the violence and find a path to a sustainable peace. The EU and Sweden see

no peaceful way forward other than a negotiated two-state solution, with Israel and Palestine co-existing in peace and security.

Switzerland:

- [MOFA Statement](#): Switzerland condemns the firing of rockets by Hamas and the attacks from the Gaza Strip on Israel, including on numerous civilians. Switzerland calls for the immediate release of the hostages currently being held in Gaza. Civilians must be protected and international law must be respected at all times. We call for an immediate cessation of violence in order to avoid further escalation, including at regional level. The FDFA is closely following the situation in Israel and the OPT. The Swiss embassy in Tel Aviv and the representative office in Ramallah are operational and are responding to requests from Swiss nationals, including this weekend. They are also in contact with the competent authorities on the ground. The FDFA currently has no information on Swiss victims.
- [Statement #2](#): The Security Council met today for closed consultations on the situation in the Middle East. Switzerland condemned the shocking attacks, including acts of terror and rocket fire by Hamas against Israel. It called for the immediate release of those taken hostage who are currently being held in Gaza. It also deplored all civilian casualties and called on all parties to protect the civilian population and to respect the obligations of international humanitarian law. Switzerland underlined that de-escalation is the priority. It called on those responsible to do everything possible to bring about a ceasefire and avoid a regional escalation. It made this call also to those States that can exert influence on the parties involved.
- [MFA on X](#): Switzerland condemns the indiscriminate firing of rockets and attacks from #Gaza into #Israel. We call for an immediate end to the violence and for the protection of civilians.

Ukraine (Zelensky on X):

- [#1](#). Horrible news from Israel. My condolences go out to everyone who lost relatives or close ones in the terrorist attack. We have faith that order will be restored and terrorists will be defeated. Terror should have no place in the world, because it is always a crime, not just against a specific country or this terror's victims, but against humanity in general and our entire world. Anyone who resorts to terror commits a crime against the world. Whoever finances terror is committing a crime against the world. The world must stand united and in solidarity so that terror does not attempt to break or subjugate life anywhere and at any moment. Israel's right to self-defense is unquestionable. All details surrounding this terrorist assault must be revealed so that the world knows and holds accountable everyone who supported and helped carry out the attack. All Ukrainian citizens who remain in the risk zone must carefully obey all orders issued by local security services and remain vigilant. Please be cautious. The Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our embassy in Israel are ready to assist in any situation. To support Ukrainians in Israel, we established an operational headquarters. If you require assistance, please contact any of our diplomatic or consular offices in any convenient and accessible manner. Every life is valuable! We condemn all forms of terrorism.
- [#2](#). Today, the entire world saw horrifying videos from Israel. Terrorists humiliate women and men, detain even the elderly, and show no mercy. In the face of such a terrorist strike, everyone who values life must stand in solidarity. We in Ukraine have a special feeling about what has happened. Thousands of rockets in the Israeli sky... People killed just on the streets... Civilian cars shot through... Detainees being humiliated... Our position is crystal

clear: anyone who causes terror and death anywhere on the planet must be held accountable. Today's terrorist attack on Israel was well-planned, and the entire world knows which sponsors of terrorism could have endorsed and enabled its organization. Israel has the full right to defend itself against terror. As any other state. And it's critical that the whole world responds to terror in a unified and principled manner.

- [#3](#). I spoke with @Netanyahu to affirm Ukraine's solidarity with Israel, which suffers from a brazen large-scale attack, and to express condolences for the multiple victims. The Prime Minister informed me of the current situation and the actions of Israel's Defense Forces and law enforcement to repel the attack. I noted the cooperation between the Israeli police and Ukrainian diplomats with regard to the safety and protection of Ukrainian citizens in Israel. We also discussed the attack's ramifications for the security situation in the region and beyond.

UK:

- Sunak on X:
  - [#1](#). I am shocked by this morning's attacks by Hamas terrorists against Israeli citizens. Israel has an absolute right to defend itself. We're in contact with Israeli authorities, and British nationals in Israel should follow travel advice.
  - [#2](#). As the barbarity of today's atrocities becomes clearer, we stand unequivocally with Israel. This attack by Hamas is cowardly and depraved. We have expressed our full solidarity to @netanyahu and will work with international partners in the next 24 hours to co-ordinate support.
  - [#3](#). The scenes we have seen in Israel over the last 36 hours are truly horrifying. I spoke to Prime Minister @netanyahu earlier today to assure him of the UK's steadfast support as Israel defends itself against these attacks. Terrorism will not prevail. (with a video statement)
- James Cleverly (Foreign Secretary) on X:
  - [#1](#). "Hamas are not "fighters". Hamas are not "militants". Hamas are terrorists. There is no other word to describe the brutality of firing rockets or terrorist attacks targeting civilians."
  - [#2](#). "The UK unequivocally condemns the horrific attacks by Hamas on Israeli civilians. The UK will always support Israel's right to defend itself."

Vatican:

- [Press Office Statement](#) from Pope Francis: I am following apprehensively and sorrowfully what is happening in Israel where the violence has exploded even more ferociously, causing hundreds of deaths and casualties. I express my closeness to the families and victims. I am praying for them and for all who are living hours of terror and anguish. May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people. War is a defeat! Every war is a defeat! Let us pray that there be peace in Israel and in Palestine.
- [Pope Francis on X](#): I am following apprehensively and sorrowfully what is happening in Israel.

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EU High Representative ([Press Statement](#)): The EU condemns in the strongest possible terms the multiple and indiscriminate attacks across Israel by Hamas and deeply deplores the loss of lives. The EU calls for an immediate cessation of these senseless attacks and violence, which will only further increase tensions on the ground and seriously undermine Palestinian people's aspirations for peace. The EU stands in solidarity with Israel which has the right to defend itself in line with international law, in the face of such violent and indiscriminate attacks. The EU recalls the importance of working towards a lasting and sustainable peace through reinvigorated efforts in the Middle East Peace Process.

Liechtenstein: None

Monaco: None

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## MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Algeria ([MFA on X](#)): Algeria is following with great concern the development of the brutal Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip, which claimed the lives of dozens of innocent sons and daughters of the Palestinian people who fell as martyrs in light of the Zionist occupation's persistence in the policy of oppression and persecution that it imposes on the brave Palestinian people. Algeria strongly condemns these policies and practices that violate the most basic humanitarian rules and references to international legitimacy. In this context, Algeria renews its demand for the immediate intervention of the international community through the relevant international bodies to protect the Palestinian people from the arrogance and crime that the Zionist occupation has made a feature of its occupation of the Palestinian territories. Algeria also renews its conviction that the Zionist settlement occupation is the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict and that ending the misfortunes, scourges and tragedies resulting from this conflict undoubtedly lies in responding to the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people and enabling them to establish their independent state on the 1967 borders with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Bahrain:

- [MoFA Statement](#) (10/7): The Kingdom of Bahrain is closely following the developments taking place between Palestinian groups and Israeli forces, leading to an increase in violence and armed attacks that claimed the lives of a number of people and injured others. It stresses the need for de-escalation among all parties to preserve the lives of people. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs warns that the continuation of violence will impede the efforts aiming at achieving a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, calling upon the international community to take its role in ending the armed conflict and protecting civilians in line with the international humanitarian law, in addition to supporting the peace process and establishing the Palestinian state according to the two-state solution and other international legitimacy resolutions.
- [MoFA Statement](#) (10/9): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed the need to immediately stop the ongoing fighting between the Palestinian Hamas movement and the Israeli forces, warning that the attacks launched by Hamas constitute a dangerous escalation that threatens the

lives of civilians, expressing its deep regret for the great loss of life and property, its condolences to the families of the victims, and its wishes for a speedy recovery for the injured. The Ministry also expressed the Kingdom of Bahrain's denunciation of what was reported in some reports of the kidnapping of civilians from their homes as hostages, calling for an end to the escalation and the avoidance of violence that threatens regional security and stability and portends dire consequences for the region. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs called for the international community to intervene and fulfill its responsibilities to stop the fighting and provide full protection for civilians who should not be the target of conflict under international humanitarian law, and to advance efforts to achieve peace, stability and security for all the peoples of the region. The Ministry affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain supports efforts aimed at stopping the fighting and escalation, and reaching a political solution through dialogue and negotiations and a final peaceful settlement of the conflict in accordance with the two-state solution and international legitimacy resolutions.

Egypt ([MoFA Statement](#)): The Arab Republic of Egypt warns of the dire dangers of the ongoing escalation between the Palestinian and Israeli sides, following a series of attacks against Palestinian cities. Egypt calls for exercising the utmost restraint and avoiding exposing civilians to further risks, warning of serious repercussions as a result of the escalation of violence, which would negatively affect the future of truce efforts. The Arab Republic of Egypt also calls on international actors involved in supporting efforts to resume the peace process to intervene immediately to stop the ongoing escalation, and urges Israel to stop attacks and provocative actions against the Palestinian people, and to adhere to the rules of international humanitarian law with regard to the responsibilities of the occupying state.

Iraq ([PMO on X](#)): Iraq affirms its firm position, as a people and a government, towards the Palestinian issue, and that it stands by the Palestinian people in achieving their aspirations and obtaining their full legitimate rights, and that injustice and the usurpation of these rights cannot produce sustainable peace. The operations carried out by the Palestinian people today are a natural result of the systematic oppression they have been subjected to since ancient times at the hands of the Zionist occupation authority, which has never adhered to international and UN resolutions. Therefore, we call on the international community to take action to put an end to the serious violations and restore the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. Which is still suffering from occupation, policies of racial discrimination, siege, transgression of sacred things, and violation of humanitarian values and principles. We warn of continued escalation within the Palestinian territories; Because it will reflect on the stability of the region, we also call on the League of Arab States to convene urgently to discuss developments in the dangerous situation in the Palestinian territories.

Iran ([MFA Statement](#)): Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Nasser Kanaani reacted to the current developments in occupied Palestine and the attack by the Palestinian resistance groups against the Zionist occupiers, saying Operation Al-Aqsa Flood was a spontaneous move by the resistance groups and the oppressed Palestinian people in defense of their inalienable and undeniable rights. He added that the operation was the Palestinians' natural reaction to the war-mongering, provocative and incendiary policies of the Zionists, especially the usurping regime's extremist and adventurous prime minister. Kanaani said the oppressed Palestinian people's inalienable right to defend themselves, their land and their sanctities against occupation, aggression, daily violations and organized terror on part of the Zionist regime is a natural and legitimate right in line with all recognized international standards and the fundamental principles of international law. The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman added that on the one hand, the continuation of the desecration of Islam's holy sites and the first Qibla of Muslims by extremist and racist Zionists in recent months and weeks, and the persistence of the Zionist regime's policy of killing, committing crimes and doing acts of aggression against the

oppressed Palestinian people, especially women, children and Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails amid the silence and inaction of the international community and the fake human rights defenders have left the Palestinian nation and resistance no way but to resist and rely on their inherent strength in the face of the Zionists. Kanani noted that the Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms the inherent and legal right of Palestinians to defend themselves vis-à-vis the crimes of the usurpers of Palestine that have been going on for 75 years. He said Iran also holds the Zionist occupiers and its supporters responsible for the continuation and escalation of violence and atrocities against the Palestinians. He underlined that Iran calls on Muslim countries to support al-Aqsa Mosque and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

Jordan ([MFA Statement](#)): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs stressed today the need to stop the dangerous escalation in Gaza and its surroundings, and warned of the dangerous repercussions of this escalation, which threatens to further escalate the situation, especially in light of the Israeli attacks and violations witnessed by cities and regions in the West Bank on the Palestinian people, and on Islamic and Christian sanctities and deprivation of the Palestinian people of their rights. The Ministry warned in a statement of the consequences of this escalation on all efforts to achieve comprehensive calm, and stressed the need for restraint, protection of civilians, and respect for international humanitarian law. The Ministry stressed that the escalation of violence in all its forms and the continued escalation will lead to worse and will reflect negatively on everyone. The Ministry stressed that finding a real political horizon to achieve peace on the basis of a two-state solution in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions, in a way that ends the occupation and embodies the independent, sovereign Palestinian state, with East Jerusalem as its capital, on the lines of June 4, 1967, so that it can live in security and peace alongside Israel and stop Israeli measures that perpetuate the occupation and undermine opportunities to achieve just and comprehensive peace is the only way to stop the deterioration and achieve security for all.

Kuwait ([MFA Statement](#)): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed the State of Kuwait's deep concern about the developments of recent events and the escalation taking place in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories, which came as a result of the continued violations and blatant attacks committed by the Israeli occupation authorities against the brotherly Palestinian people. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms the State of Kuwait's call on the international community, especially the Security Council, to assume its responsibilities and stop the ongoing violence, provide protection for the brotherly Palestinian people, and end the provocative practices of the occupation authorities, especially the ongoing violations of the sanctity of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the policy of settlement expansion. While the Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms the firm and principled position of the State of Kuwait in standing by the brotherly Palestinian people and supporting them until they obtain all their rights, the most important of which is their independent state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, it warns that the continuation of the cycle of violence without stopping it and deterring those who caused it would undermine Peace efforts and a two-state solution.

Morocco:

- [MoFA](#): The Kingdom of Morocco expresses its deep concern over the deteriorating situation and the outbreak of military actions in the Gaza Strip and condemns the targeting of civilians by any party. The Kingdom of Morocco, which has long warned of the repercussions of the political impasse on peace in the region and the dangers of increasing tension and tension as a result, calls for an immediate cessation of all acts of violence, a return to calm, and the avoidance of all forms of escalation that would undermine the chances of peace in the region. The Kingdom of Morocco, whose King, His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God assist him,

chairs the Al-Quds Committee, affirms that the approach of dialogue and negotiations remains the only way to reach a comprehensive and lasting solution to the Palestinian issue, on the basis of international legitimacy resolutions and the internationally agreed-upon principle of the two-state solution.

- [MoFA on X](#): “The Kingdom of Morocco expresses its deep concern at the deterioration of the situation and the outbreak of military action in the Gaza Strip, and condemns attacks against civilians wherever they may be. The Kingdom, which has repeatedly warned of the repercussions of the political deadlock on peace in the region, and of the risks of aggravated tensions resulting from it calls for an immediate halt to all acts of violence and a return to calm, while avoiding all forms of escalation that could undermine the chances of peace in the region. The Kingdom of Morocco, whose Sovereign, HM King Mohammed VI, may God assist Him, chairs the Al Quds Committee, stresses that dialogue and negotiations remain the only way to achieve a comprehensive and lasting solution to the Palestinian question based on the resolutions of international legality and the two-state principle, as agreed internationally.

Oman ([MFA Statement](#)): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is following with interest and concern the ongoing escalation between the Palestinian and Israeli sides as a result of the continued illegal Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories and the ongoing Israeli attacks against Palestinian cities and villages, which portends serious repercussions and an escalation in violence. The Ministry called on both parties to exercise maximum restraint and the need to protect civilians. The Ministry stressed that the international community and international parties supporting efforts to resume the peace process must intervene immediately to stop the ongoing escalation and resort to the rules of international law, while again alerting and emphasizing the strategic necessity to find a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the Palestinian issue on the basis of the two-state solution and the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people to establish their independent state with its capital in East Jerusalem.

Qatar: ([MOFA](#)): The State of Qatar expresses its deep concern over the developments in Gaza Strip and calls on all parties to de-escalate, and exercise maximum restraint. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs holds Israel solely responsible for the ongoing escalation due to its ongoing violations of the rights of the Palestinian people, the latest of which was the repeated incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque under the protection of the Israeli police. The Ministry stresses the need for the international community to act urgency to compel Israel to stop its flagrant violations of international law, respect the resolutions of international legitimacy and the historical rights of the Palestinian people, and to prevent these events from being used as a pretext to ignite a new asymmetric war against Palestinian civilians in Gaza. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterates the firm position of the State of Qatar regarding the justice of the Palestinian cause, and the legitimate rights of the brotherly Palestinian people, and to establish their independent state on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Saudi Arabia ([SPA](#)): The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is closely following the developments of the unprecedented situation between a number of Palestinian factions and the Israeli occupation forces, which has resulted in a high level of violence on several fronts there. The Kingdom calls for an immediate halt to the escalation between the two sides, the protection of civilians, and restraint. The Kingdom recalls its repeated warnings of the dangers of the explosion of the situation as a result of the continuation of the occupation, the deprivation of the Palestinian people of their legitimate rights, and the repetition of systematic provocations against its sanctities. The Kingdom renews the call of the international community to assume its responsibilities and activate a credible peace process that leads to the two-state solution to achieve security and peace in the region and protect civilians.

Syria ([MoFAEX Statement on Facebook](#)): The resistance factions in occupied Palestine recorded a new line on the path to achieving inalienable Palestinian rights, in Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, which began this morning against the racist Zionist entity. The operation comes one day after the anniversary of the great Arab victory on October 6, 1973. This honorable achievement achieved by the Palestinian people proves once again that the only way to achieve the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people is resistance in all its forms and to challenge the arrogant Zionist occupation authorities whose extreme right-wing government has increased its repressive measures against the brotherly Palestinian people, stressing that history will write wise thought, absolute courage and creativity. In the confrontation and confrontation presented by the Palestinian people and their resistance forces in the face of Zionist arrogance and Israeli arrogance, which is unprecedented in world history. Syria condemns the brutal occupation practices against the Palestinian people, stressing that the resistance's response to these practices proves the right of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state on their land and exercise their legitimate right of return and build a future worthy of this people, their heritage, and their dignity, which the Zionist colonizers tried to rob. Syria raises its head high in honor of the martyrs of the Palestinian revolution and the heroes who planned and achieved the Al-Aqsa Flood operation, and affirms its standing by the Palestinian people and their fighting forces against terrorism and the Zionist methodology, and stresses that Palestine is getting closer to achieving the desired victory. The Palestinian resistance and its heroes deserve all support from all Arab countries and from those fighting for freedom, progress and independence all over the world.

Turkey ([MoFA](#)): We are deeply concerned about the violence and tension occurred in Israel and Palestine today (October 7). We attach high importance to the restoration of calm in the region as soon as possible, and strongly condemn the loss of civilian lives. We underline that acts of violence and associated escalations will not benefit anyone, and call on the parties to act with restraint and avoid impulsive steps. As Türkiye, we are always ready to contribute to the best of our ability to ensure that these developments can be taken under control before they escalate further and spread to a wider area. In this regard, we continue our intensive contacts with the relevant parties. These sad developments once again show the importance of the two-state solution vision. We call on the parties to renounce the use of force and work for a lasting solution in line with this vision without further delay.

UAE:

- [MoFA](#) (10/7) The United Arab Emirates has expressed great concern regarding the escalation of violence between Israelis and Palestinians, and stressed the importance of halting escalation and preserving the lives of civilians. The UAE has expressed its sincere condolences to all the victims of the recent crisis. In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) stressed that the UAE has called for exercising the utmost restraint and an immediate ceasefire in order to avoid serious repercussions. The Ministry expressed that the UAE, as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, urges the international community to immediately reactivate the international Quartet to revive the path process of Arab-Israeli peace, and increase all efforts to achieve a just and comprehensive peace, and prevent the region from experiencing further violence, tension, and instability.
- [MoFA](#) (10/8): The Ministry stressed that attacks by Hamas against Israeli towns and villages near the Gaza strip, including the firing of thousands of rockets at population centers, are a serious and grave escalation. The Ministry is appalled by reports that Israeli civilians have been abducted as hostages from their homes. Civilians on both sides must always have full protection under international humanitarian law and must never be a target of conflict. The UAE expressed its condolences to the families of the victims and urges all diplomatic efforts to prevent a wider regional confrontation. Furthermore, the Ministry deeply mourns the loss

of Israeli and Palestinian lives as a result of the outbreak of violence, and calls on both parties to de-escalate and avoid an expansion of the heinous violence with tragic consequences affecting civilian lives and facilities. The UAE underscored that the international community needs to work together to prevent the violence risking wider instability and spillover, including the involvement by other groups. The UAE reaffirmed that the international community must remain resolute in the face of these violent attempts to derail ongoing regional efforts aimed at dialogue, cooperation, and co-existence, and must not allow nihilistic destruction to overtake a region whose people have already suffered enough war and trauma. The Ministry stressed that the UAE remains in close contact with all regional and international partners to swiftly de-escalate the situation and restore calm in Israel and the OPT and a return to negotiations for a final settlement within the parameters of the two state solution for Palestinians and Israelis, who deserve to live in peace and dignity.

Lebanon: None

Libya: None

Tunisia: None

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## **ASIA**

Armenia ([MFA on X](#)): We are shocked by the violence between the Palestinians and Israel and targeting of civilian population. We express condolences to relatives of victims and speedy recovery to those wounded. We join international calls to stop the violence.

Azerbaijan ([MFA on X](#)): We condemn violence against civilians in the Israel-Palestine conflict zone. We express condolences for tragic loss of lives among many civilians both in Israel and Gaza Strip. We call for an urgent de-escalation of the situation.

Bangladesh ([MFA Statement](#)): Bangladesh denounces the ongoing armed conflict between Israel and Palestine and deplores the resultant loss of innocent civilian lives and injury of victims. Bangladesh underlines that escalation of conflicts and violence benefits no party. We urge both Israeli and Palestinians to exercise maximum restraint and calls for immediate ceasefire to avoid further loss of innocent lives from both sides. Bangladesh holds that living under the Israeli occupation and forced settlements in Palestinian territory will not bring peace in the region. Therefore, Bangladesh supports a two-state solution, Palestine and Israel, living side by side as independent states free of occupation following UN Resolutions No. 242 and 338, which could bring lasting peace and stability in the region. Bangladesh also urges all parties concerned to refrain from excessive and indiscriminate use of force in the conflict and reiterates that only dialogue and diplomacy could lead to a lasting solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict and calls upon all parties to work towards this end.

Cambodia ([MoFA Statement](#)): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia expresses deep regret over the outbreak of hostilities that took place on 7 October 2023. This tragic escalation of violence caused the death of hundreds of innocent people, including one Cambodian student in Israel. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed on both sides. While considering the safety of all civilians, including that of Cambodian citizens, a top priority, Cambodia calls upon all parties to exercise utmost restraint and

seek avenues for de-escalation and ceasefire, putting the priority on protecting civilian lives and upholding international humanitarian law. Cambodia condemns all forms of violence and terrorist acts. Cambodia urges the international community to redouble its efforts to facilitate meaningful dialogue and negotiations towards a just and lasting peace. It is imperative that all parties engage in constructive talks aimed at addressing the root causes of the conflict and finding mutually acceptable solutions. Cambodia emphasizes the importance of prioritizing the pursuit of peace, justice, and security for all people in the region. It is essential for all parties involved to work toward a peaceful resolution that ensures the wellbeing and safety for all.

China:

- [MFA Statement](#) (10/8): China is deeply concerned over the current escalation of tensions and violence between Palestine and Israel. We call on relevant parties to remain calm, exercise restraint and immediately end the hostilities to protect civilians and avoid further deterioration of the situation. The recurrence of the conflict shows once again that the protracted standstill of the peace process cannot go on. The fundamental way out of the conflict lies in implementing the two-state solution and establishing an independent State of Palestine. The international community needs to act with greater urgency, step up input into the Palestine question, facilitate the early resumption of peace talks between Palestine and Israel, and find a way to bring about enduring peace. China will continue to work relentlessly with the international community towards that end.
- [MFA Statement](#) (10/9): China is closely following the escalating conflict between Palestine and Israel. We're deeply saddened by the civilian casualties and oppose and condemn acts that harm civilians. We oppose moves that escalate the conflict and destabilize the region and hope fighting will stop and peace will return soon. The international community needs to play an effective role to jointly help cool down the situation. To end the cycle of conflict between Palestine and Israel, it is essential to restart the peace talks, implement the two-state solution and settle the Palestine question fully and properly through political means at an early date so as to take care of each party's legitimate concerns. China will continue to work relentlessly with the international community towards this end.

Georgia ([MFA on X](#)): We strongly condemn the horrific terrorist attack on the State of Israel, causing loss of life and express solidarity with the Israeli government and people. Our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of the victims of this terrible attack. We wish a speedy recovery to all those injured.

India ([Modi on Twitter](#)): Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour.

Indonesia ([MOFA on X](#)): Indonesia is deeply concerned with the escalation of conflict between Palestine and Israel. Indonesia urges the immediate end of violence to avoid further human casualties. The root of the conflict, namely the occupation of the Palestinian territories by Israel, must be resolved, in accordance with the parameters agreed upon by the UN.

Japan ([PM Fumio Kishida on X](#)): Hamas and other Palestinian militants attacked Israel from Gaza yesterday. Japan strongly condemns the attacks which severely harmed innocent civilians. I express my condolences to the bereaved families and heartfelt sympathies to the injured. A number of people were reportedly abducted by the militants. Japan strongly condemns such acts and urges their im-

mediate release. Japan is deeply concerned about a number of casualties in Gaza as well. All the parties concerned should exercise maximum restraint.

Malaysia ([MoFA Statement](#)): Malaysia is deeply concerned over the loss of so many lives due to the latest escalation of clashes in and around the Gaza Strip. At this critical time, further loss of life, suffering and destruction should stop and parties must exercise utmost restraint and de-escalate. The root cause must be acknowledged. The Palestinians have been subjected to the prolonged illegal occupation, blockade and sufferings, the desecration of Al-Aqsa, as well as the politics of dispossession at the hands of Israel as the occupier. The inconsistency to act on the Israeli regime calls into question the uniform enforcement of international principles and highlights the need for a more consistent stance in addressing an apartheid administration. There should be no disproportionate treatment and flagrant hypocrisy in dealing with any regime that practices apartheid and blatantly violates human rights and international law. Palestinians have the legal right to live in a state of peace within its own internationally recognised borders, based on pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, as well as their inalienable right to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced. The United Nations Security Council must live up to its Charter mandated responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. The Council should urgently convene an Emergency Session to demand all parties stop the violence as well as respect and protect the lives of innocent civilians.

Maldives ([MFA Statement](#)): The Government of Maldives expresses its grave concern regarding the ongoing escalation of violence in the Gaza Strip. The Government and the people of Maldives have always stood in solidarity with the Government and the people of Palestine, and urged the full implementation of Security Council resolutions that have declared null and void the occupation of Palestine, and the annexation of the Holy City of Jerusalem. The Government of Maldives reiterate its position that a lasting peace in the Middle East can only be achieved through a two-State solution based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine.

Nepal ([MFA Statement](#)): The Government of Nepal strongly condemns the terrorist attack in Israel today that caused loss of precious human lives and injured many more. At this critical hour, we convey our solidarity with the Government of Israel. The Government of Nepal extends heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the people and Government of Israel as well as the victims of this cruel attack and their families. We wish for speedy recovery of the injured. We have been informed that a farm, where 14 Nepalis were working, was also under attack. Nine of the Nepalis have been reportedly injured while two of them are in serious condition.

North Korea ([Rodong Sinmun Newspaper](#)): "A large-scale armed conflict broke out between the Islamic resistance movement (Hamas) in Palestine and Israel. Gunfights broke out between the two sides, thousands of rockets were fired, and indiscriminate airstrikes were carried out. According to foreign media, as of the 8th, there were hundreds of deaths and over 1000 injured on both sides. The international community called this clash a bloody conflict, saying it was the result of Israel's constant criminal acts against the Palestinian people. They claim that the fundamental way to end it is to build an independent Palestinian state.

Pakistan ([MFA Statement](#)): We are closely monitoring the unfolding situation in the Middle East and the eruption of hostilities between Israel and Palestinians. We are concerned about the human cost of the escalating situation. Pakistan has consistently advocated for a two-state solution as the key to enduring peace in the Middle East, with a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the Palestinian question anchored in international law and in line with relevant United Nations and OIC resolutions. A viable, sovereign and contiguous State of Palestine should be established on the basis of pre-1967

borders, with Al Quds Al-Sharif as its capital. We call on the international community to come together for cessation of hostilities, protection of civilians and for a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Philippines ([FM on X](#)): The Department of Foreign Affairs is monitoring the situation of Filipinos in the Middle East. The Philippines will continue to look after the welfare of Filipinos who are affected by the current situation.

Russia ([MFA Statement](#)): Russia is gravely concerned over a sharp escalation of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. In this regard we would like to reaffirm our principled and consistent stance that this conflict, which has continued for 75 years, cannot be resolved by force and can be settled exclusively by political and diplomatic means, by engaging in a full-fledged negotiation process based on the well-known international legal framework stipulating the establishment of an independent Palestinian state within the 1967 borders with a capital in East Jerusalem that co-exists with Israel in peace and security. We regard the current large-scale escalation as another extremely dangerous manifestation of a vicious circle of violence resulting from chronic failure to comply with the corresponding resolutions of the UN and its Security Council and the blocking by the West of the work of the Middle East Quartet of international mediators made up of Russia, the United States, the EU and the UN. We call on the Palestinian and Israeli sides to implement an immediate ceasefire, renounce violence, exercise restraint and begin, with the assistance of the international community, a negotiation process aimed at establishing a comprehensive, lasting and long-awaited peace in the Middle East.

Singapore ([MoFA Statement](#)): Singapore strongly condemns the rocket and terror attacks from Gaza on Israel, which have resulted in deaths and injuries of many innocent civilians. Our thoughts are with the families of the victims. We call for an immediate end to the violence and urge all sides to do their utmost to protect the safety and security of civilians.

South Korea ([MOFA Statement](#)): 1. The government of the Republic of Korea strongly condemns the indiscriminate attacks on Israel from Gaza including rocket attacks on Oct. 7th, and calls for an immediate halt of these attacks. 2. Moreover, the government expresses its deep concern over the large number of civilian casualties caused by these attacks and conveys profound condolences to the victims and their families.

Sri Lanka ([MFA Statement](#)): Sri Lanka is deeply concerned about the attacks and escalation of violence and the resulting loss of life in Israel and Palestine. Sri Lanka calls for an immediate halt to violence and calls on all parties to exercise maximum restraint to prevent further civilian casualties. Sri Lanka remains committed to supporting a negotiated settlement in line with internationally agreed parameters of two states living side by side on the basis of the 1967 borders. We extend our deepest condolences to all those who lost loved ones and express our sympathies to the affected families. The Sri Lanka Missions in Tel Aviv and Ramallah are monitoring the situation closely and are in contact with Sri Lankans living in the affected areas. So far one Sri Lankan has sustained minor injuries.

Taiwan ([MFA on X](#)): Taiwan strongly condemns the indiscriminate attacks against Israelis carried out by Hamas. We stand in solidarity with Israel & denounce all forms of terrorism. Our thoughts are with the victims & families at this tragic juncture.

Tajikistan ([MoFA Statement](#)): The sharp escalation of tensions in the Middle East, which has resulted in significant civilian casualties and destruction of housing and social infrastructure, has been received with great concern in Tajikistan. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan strongly condemns the acts of violence and calls on the parties to immediately stop the violence and

engage in dialogue to normalize the situation.

Thailand ([MFA Statement](#)): Following the unfortunate incident involving the deployment of unmanned combat aircraft and rockets from the Gaza Strip to attack Israel on 7 October 2023, the Royal Thai Government wishes to express our deepest condolences to the Government and people of Israel on the unfortunate loss of lives and injuries from this inhumane and indiscriminate act. The Thai Government is deeply concerned with the safety of Thai nationals working in Israel who have been affected by such violent incidents. Thailand calls upon all parties involved to refrain from any actions that would further escalate tensions and joins the international community in condemning any use of violence and indiscriminate attacks. We hope that the situation in Israel will soon return to normalcy.

Viet Nam ([Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)): Vietnam is closely monitoring and deeply concerned about the escalating violence between Hamas and Israeli forces, causing many casualties among civilians. We call on relevant parties to exercise restraint, not take actions that complicate the situation, and soon resume negotiations to resolve disagreements through peaceful means, on the basis of international law and resolutions. Relevant decisions of the United Nations Security Council, ensuring the safety and legitimate interests of civilians.

Afghanistan: None

Bhutan: None.

Brunei: None

East Timor: None

Kazakhstan: None

Kyrgyzstan: None

Mongolia: None.

North Korea: None

Uzbekistan: None

Turkmenistan: None

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## **OCEANIA**

Australia

- [PM \(Anthony Albanese\) on X](#): Australia stands with our friend Israel in this time. We condemn the indiscriminate and abhorrent attacks by Hamas on Israel, its cities and civilians. We recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- MoFA (Senator Perry Wong) on X:

- [#1](#): Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities & civilians. We call for these attacks to stop & recognise Israel's right to defend itself. Australia urges the exercise of restraint & protection of civilian lives.
- [#2](#): I have contacted Israel's Ambassador to Australia to express our support for Israel following the horrific attacks by Hamas. Our thoughts are with those killed and injured in these attacks, their loved ones, and all others affected. While we have not had any reports of Australian casualties or hospitalisations, officials are monitoring the situation closely and remain in touch with local authorities.

New Zealand:

- [Prime Minister \(Chris Hipkins\)](#): New Zealand condemns unequivocally the Hamas attacks on Israel, we are appalled by the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages which violate fundamental international humanitarian principles. New Zealand's designated the military wing of Hamas as a terrorist organization, we recognise Israel's right to defend itself, we are concerned that the situation will escalate in the coming days and New Zealand again calls for restraint, the protection of non-combatants, and the upholding of international humanitarian law by all parties.
- Foreign Minister on X:
  - [#1](#): New Zealand utterly condemns the terrorist attacks led by Hamas on Israel, and continues to urge restraint from all parties in the region in order to prevent the further loss of civilian lives.
  - [#2](#): Aotearoa New Zealand is deeply concerned at the outbreak of conflict between Israel and Gaza. We call for the immediate cessation of violence. The protection of all civilians, and upholding of international humanitarian law is essential.

Fiji: None

Kiribati: None

Marshall Islands: None

Micronesia: None

Nauru: None

Palau: None

Papua New Guinea: None

Samoa: None

Solomon Islands: None

Tonga: None

Tuvalu: None

## LATIN AMERICA

### Argentina:

- (President Alberto Fernandez on X): [#1](#): I express my strong condemnation and repudiation of the brutal terrorist attack perpetrated by Hamas from the Gaza Strip against the State of Israel. May the people of Israel receive all the solidarity of this president and the Argentine people. Once again, we ratify Argentina's commitment to peace and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. I have arranged for the immediate sending of humanitarian aid to Israel to accompany them in this difficult time.
- [#2](#): I contacted the president of Israel by telephone, @Isaac\_Herzog, and I conveyed the solidarity of the people and the Government of Argentina. We strongly repudiate the atrocious attack that Hamas perpetrated against the Israeli people in the south of their country.
- [#3](#): Violence must be definitively eradicated in the world. Peace is more urgent than ever.

Belize ([FM on X](#)): #Belize regrets the hostilities between #Hamas and #Israel and calls for immediate de-escalation. #Israeli #Apartheid must end. We call for a #Palestinian state with all rights including East Jerusalem as its capital and the right of return. #PeaceNotWar!

### Brazil

- ([MofA Statement](#)): The Brazilian government condemns the series of bombings and ground attacks carried out today in Israel from the Gaza Strip, resulting in the loss of at least 20 lives of Israeli citizens and more than 500 injured. It expresses condolences to the families of the victims and shows solidarity with the people of Israel. While reiterating that there is no justification for resorting to violence, especially against civilians, the Brazilian government urges all parties to exercise maximum restraint to prevent an escalation of the situation. So far, there have been no reports of casualties among the Brazilian community in Israel and Palestine. Brazil regrets that in 2023, the 30th anniversary of the Oslo Peace Accords, a serious and growing deterioration in the security situation between Israel and Palestine is observed. In its capacity as President of the United Nations Security Council, Brazil will convene an emergency meeting of the Council. The Brazilian government reaffirms its commitment to a two-state solution, with Palestine and Israel coexisting in peace and security within mutually agreed and internationally recognized borders. It further emphasizes that merely managing the conflict is not a viable alternative for addressing the Israeli-Palestinian issue, and the resumption of peace negotiations is urgently needed.
- [Lula on X](#): I was shocked by the terrorist attacks carried out today against civilians in Israel, which caused numerous victims. In expressing my condolences to the families of the victims, I reaffirm my rejection of terrorism in any of its forms. Brazil will spare no efforts to prevent the escalation of the conflict, including when exercising the Presidency of the UN Security Council. I call on the international community to work to immediately resume negotiations that lead to a solution to the conflict that guarantees the existence of an economically viable Palestinian State, coexisting peacefully with Israel within safe borders for both sides.

Bolivia:

- [\(MoFA Statement\)](#): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on behalf of the Bolivian Government and people, expresses its deep concern regarding the violent events that occurred in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Palestine today. We urgently call for peace, to de-escalate violence, to preserve life and human rights. We regret the inaction of the United Nations and the Security Council in the face of what is happening today. As an organization in charge of promoting peace and human rights, it cannot continue to ignore the consequences of this situation. The United Nations, the international community, have the historical responsibility to contribute to overcoming this critical situation, through the search for substantive solutions.

Chile:

- [\(MOFA Statement\)](#): The Government of Chile expresses its absolute condemnation of the attacks that occurred today against a series of towns and cities in Israel, which have caused the death of nearly 40 people and dozens of injuries, many of them civilian victims. At the same time, the Government of Chile expresses condolences to the families of the victims, and its solidarity with the people of Israel. In the same way, it calls for an end to this inappropriate violence, in order to avoid an escalation that causes greater damage and suffering to the civilian population. Chile considers it essential to reinvigorate, with the support of the international community, the process of direct and good faith negotiations between both parties, leading to a fair, full and definitive peace agreement. The above, within the framework of the two-state solution, recognizes the right of Israel and Palestine to coexist in peace, within mutually agreed upon and internationally recognized secure borders, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the United Nations.
- [FM on X](#): We follow with great concern the terrorist attack against Israel and we stand in solidarity with the victims and their families. We condemn the use of violence and demand its immediate cessation. We remain committed to the peace process between Israel and Palestine.

Costa Rica [\(MOFA Statement\)](#): Costa Rica condemns in the strongest possible way the atrocious and deplorable terrorist attacks by Hamas on Israel. We particularly censure attacks against civilians, contrary to International Law, and which contravene essential principles of International Humanitarian Law. We also demand the immediate release of hostages. We extend our solidarity to the government and people of Israel, in particular to the victims and their families, wishing a speedy recovery to the injured. Costa Rica reiterates its absolute rejection of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, reiterating its willingness to continue fighting against it within the framework of international law.

Colombia:

- President on X:
  - [#1](#). Terrorism is killing innocent children, whether in Colombia or Palestine. The world has asked for it and so has my government. I ask Israel and Palestine to come to a table to negotiate peace and allow the existence of two states and two free and sovereign nations; Israel and Palestine.
  - [#2](#). I was already in the Auschwitz concentration camp and now I see it copied in

Gaza.

- [#3](#). You can have all the Zionists speak in the press but here I am going to make another historical comparison. Gaza today appears as destroyed or more so than the Warsaw ghetto after it was destroyed by Nazi barbarity in response to the Jewish and socialist insurrection in that concentration camp. 140 Palestinian boys and girls have been bombed dead. They were not Hamas militants. Hamas and the Israeli right feed each other in blood. Before our eyes, Western societies elected right-wing parties in their governments, scared by immigration, and those right-wing parties ended up supporting the Israeli extreme right, leading the world to a global 1933. The era of barbarism as I wrote in my book has begun. Immigration will become an exodus given the European refusal to address democracy and peace as the axes of its foreign policy. The government of Colombia supports the UN resolutions that advocate for two free states: one Israeli and the other Palestinian, recognizes the two states and requests the state of Israel to stop militarily occupying the Palestinian state.
- ([MoFA Statement](#)): The Government of Colombia reiterates the call to urgently resume dialogue between Israel and Palestine to begin a peace process that leads to peaceful coexistence, within mutually agreed upon secure borders and internationally recognized, with full support for the territorial integrity of the parties. Likewise, it expresses its strongest condemnation of the damage to civilians that occurred yesterday and today. The Government of Colombia expresses its solidarity with the victims and their families, while calling for an end to violence and provocations. Violence only causes greater suffering and deepens obstacles in the search for a solution to the conflict. In this sense, Colombia calls on the international community. Recent events are an unequivocal sign that violence mainly affects the population, with irreparable losses among children, women and men. The Israel-Palestinian conflict must be resolved through dialogue and its solution must be supported in multilateral settings, in accordance with the numerous resolutions adopted by the United Nations, especially to comply with the two-state solution as established by the resolution 181 (II) of the General Assembly of 1947, and whose vision was ratified by the UN Security Council in subsequent resolutions.

Cuba ([MOFA on X](#)): #Cuba expresses serious concern about the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine, which is a consequence of 75 years of permanent violation of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

Ecuador

- ([President Statement](#)): The Ecuadorian government strongly condemns the terrorist attacks perpetrated today by Hamas against Israel and its civilian population. Ecuador expresses its solidarity with the families of the victims and the Israeli people. Like all members of the United Nations Security Council, Ecuador has repeatedly expressed its commitment to a negotiated, definitive and fair solution for the parties, with the existence of two states: Palestine and Israel, on the basis of borders. of 1967 and the relevant resolutions. Ecuador rejects all types of incitement to violence that further distances a solution for the parties. Reiterates the call made by Security Council Resolution 2334 for both parties to demonstrate serenity and restraint and to act in accordance with international law, including international humanitarian law. In the multilateral scenario, Ecuador maintains its principled position on the situation between Israel and Palestine, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the security council and the general assembly and full respect for international law and the charter of the united nations, once again reiterating its commitment to Israel's security.

- [President on X](#): The Government of Ecuador condemns the terrorist attacks perpetrated today by Hamas against Israel. As it has expressed repeatedly, it reiterates its commitment to a negotiated, definitive and fair solution for the parties.

El Salvador ([President on X](#)): As a Salvadoran with Palestinian ancestry, I'm sure the best thing that could happen to the Palestinian people is for Hamas to completely disappear. Those savage beasts do not represent the Palestinians. Anyone who supports the Palestinian cause would make a great mistake siding with those criminals. It would be like if Salvadorans would have sided with MS13 terrorists, just because we share ancestors or nationality. The best thing that happened to us as a nation was to get rid of those rapists and murderers, and let the good people thrive. Palestinians should do the same: get rid of those animals and let the good people thrive. That's the only way forward.

Guatemala ([President on X](#)): On behalf of the people of Guatemala and its Government, I express our deepest condolences and support for Israel in these difficult times after the unjustified aggressions. We stand in profound solidarity with the families of the victims.

Panama:

- ([President on X](#)): Panama firmly condemns the recent attacks against the people of Israel. We deeply regret the victims and injuries, and we reject all forms of violence. We express our solidarity with the Israeli people in these difficult times.
- [FM on X](#): Panama expresses its strong condemnation of the hostile attacks and violence perpetrated today against the people of Israel, leaving a significant number of victims and injuries to mourn. [#2](#): Our firm rejection of violence in all its forms, whatever its origin. We express our solidarity with the people of Israel.

Paraguay:

- ([MOFA Statement](#)): The Government of Paraguay repudiates and strongly condemns the brutal attack and terrorist actions carried out by Hamas against the brotherly people of Israel. These events generate pain and mourning for dozens of families, putting peace in the world at risk. We express our full solidarity and unconditional support to the people and government of Israel at this difficult time, as well as our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims. We support Israel's legitimate right to defend itself against this open aggression, which is on an unprecedented scale in recent years.
- ([President on X](#)): All our support to the sister nation of Israel in the face of the cowardly terrorist attacks it has suffered. We condemn, repudiate and reject these inhuman actions that threaten the peace of the world and that hurt us greatly by affecting a nation with which we have strong fraternal ties.
- [FM on X](#): The Government of Paraguay strongly condemns the cowardly terrorist attacks against civilians in Israel today; Paraguay expresses its solidarity with the People of Israel and ratifies its rejection of terrorism in all its forms.
- [Ministry of the Interior on X](#): In line with the position of the national government to condemn and repudiate the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the state of Israel, the Minister of the Interior, Enrique Riera Escudero, upon instructions from the President of the Republic, has given instructions for the national police to reinforce security measures around Israeli institutions and citizens in the country. Security institutions will remain on alert to guarantee the tranquility of all citizens.

Peru ([FM on X](#)): The Consular Section of the Embassy of Peru in Israel has reported that so far there are no Peruvians affected by the situation of violence that the Middle East region is experiencing. The Foreign Ministry remains attentive to the status of our compatriots.

Venezuela:

- ([MoFA Statement](#)): The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela expresses its deep concern about the evolution of recent events in the Gaza Strip, while considering that the escalation is the result of the impossibility of the Palestinian people to find a space in multilateral international legality. to assert their historical rights. The Venezuelan Government advocates for the prompt solution of the critical situation of hostility and confrontation and for the end of violence throughout the Palestinian territory, through direct dialogue and compliance with Security Council resolution number 2334, which requires Israel put an “immediate and complete” end to all settlement and occupation activities in the Palestinian territory, as the only way to achieve peace. The Government of the Bolivarian Republic reiterates that, today more than ever, genuine negotiation between the parties is necessary and that the rights of Palestine be restored, for which it urges the United Nations Organization to fulfill its role as guarantor of international peace and legality.
- [MFA on X](#): Venezuela expresses its deep concern about the evolution of recent events in the Gaza Strip, while considering that the escalation is the result of the impossibility of the Palestinian people to find multilateral international legality.
- [President on TV](#): “The Secretary-General of the United Nations issued a statement, which we read carefully, as a warning and alert about the genocide that has begun against the Palestinian people in Gaza. We have witnessed in the past massacres and brutal atrocities against the Palestinian people...We demand an immediate ceasefire, respect for UN resolutions, respect for the rights of peoples, and the commencement of peace negotiations to allow the Palestinian people to regain their legitimate rights to independence, land and peace.”

Guyana: None

Honduras: None

Nicaragua: None

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## **AFRICA**

Comoros ([Presidential Communique](#)): We were shocked to hear the news of the escalation of violence between Palestine and Israel, which has already caused numerous civilian casualties, as well as much material damage. This renewed violence in the Middle East risks not only compromising the process aimed at establishing peace between the two countries, but also significantly affecting peace throughout the region. In this particularly difficult context, we call on both parties, Palestine and Israel, to show restraint by immediately ceasing hostilities. We also urge the international community to mobilize urgently to put an end to the ongoing deadly clashes and to bring both parties back to the negotiating table to give peace a chance.

Cote d’Ivoire ([MFA on X](#)): Following the events taking place in Israel since Saturday October 7, 2023,

the Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire in Israel, which is closely monitoring the situation, in liaison with the leaders of the Ivorian community, would like to reassure all of its compatriots on the fate of Ivorian nationals established in Israeli territory. Indeed, to date, no victim of Ivorian nationality has yet been recorded. Furthermore, the Embassy urges members of the Ivorian community in Israel to follow the security instructions established by the local authorities, namely not to stray far from protective shelters.

Ghana:

- ([MOFAIC on X](#)): The Government of Ghana is deeply saddened and shocked by ongoing events in Israel where Hamas militants from the Gaza Strip infiltrated into southern Israel to attack innocent Israeli civilians amid a barrage of rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip.
- Ghana unequivocally condemns the attacks and calls on the Hamas leadership to immediately cease the attacks and withdraw its militants from southern Israel. While Ghana affirms its support for Israel's right to exist and defend itself, it calls on the Israeli government to exercise restraint in its response to Hamas' attacks. Ghana takes this opportunity to call on the two sides to the Israel-Palestinian conflict to return to the negotiation table.

Kenya:

- [President William Ruto on X](#): Kenya joins the rest of the world in solidarity with the State of Israel and unequivocally condemn terrorism and attacks on innocent civilians in the country. The people of Kenya and their government hereby express deepest sympathy and send condolences to the families of all victims. We also wish a speedy recovery to the injured. Kenya strongly maintains that there exists no justification whatsoever for terrorism, which constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security. All acts of terrorism and violent extremism are abhorrent, criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of the perpetrator, or their motivations. The international community must mobilize to bring the perpetrators, organizers, financiers, sponsors, supporters and enablers of these reprehensible criminal acts of terrorism to account and speedily bring them to justice. In consideration of the complex and delicate context of the security situation in Israel-Palestine, Kenya also makes a call for the de-escalation of violence and urges all parties to restrain from further military action, given its potential to intensify carnage and the suffering of innocent civilians, and to trigger heightened tension in the region and beyond. We are profoundly disturbed that civilians continue to be intentionally targeted in this conflict, as a consequence of which the number of casualties continues to rise. We therefore call on all parties to respect the rights of civilians and honour their obligations under international law. Finally, we take this opportunity to reiterate our firm stand in solidarity with all those calling on the parties to desist from further attacks, promptly effect cease-fire and embark on a path towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict.
- [Foreign Office on X](#): It is with grave concern and profound dismay that Kenya's Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs condemns, in the strongest terms possible, the unprovoked attack by Hamas militants on the people of Israel early today. This egregious act of violence, has not only disrupted the fragile peace in the Middle East but also poses a significant threat to global peace and security. The attack has brought with it tragic and senseless loss of lives. Innocent civilians, on both sides, are once again bearing the brunt of this violence, and our hearts go out to the victims and their families who are now left to grapple with the devastating consequences of this unwarranted aggression. This flagrant disregard for human life displayed by the attackers is deeply troubling and is an affront to the values that underpin our

shared humanity. Kenya strongly believes in the principles of constructive dialogue, negotiation and diplomacy as the only means to resolve conflicts and disputes. We firmly support international efforts aimed at achieving a lasting and just solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and we call on all parties involved to immediately cease hostilities, exercise restraint and seek a negotiated agreement. It is only through peaceful dialogue that a lasting and equitable resolution can be reached, one that ensures the rights and aspirations of all parties are respected. This latest incident underscores the urgent need for the international community to redouble its efforts to find a comprehensive and sustainable solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The continued escalation of violence in the region not only destabilizes the Middle East, but its implications reverberate in several regions in the form of intolerance, destabilization and threats of terrorism. Kenya urges the United Nations, the Quartet on the Middle East and all relevant stakeholders to intensify their diplomatic efforts to facilitate a peaceful resolution. Kenya reiterates its unequivocal condemnation of the unprovoked attack and expresses its sincere condolences to the victims and their families.

Mauritius: FM retweeted [UN Coordinator Wennesland's statement](#)

Nigeria ([MFA Statement on X](#)): The Federal Government of Nigeria is deeply concerned about the outbreak of hostilities between Israel and Hamas in the early hours of Saturday, 7th October, 2023 and calls for de-escalation and ceasefire. The cycle of violence and retaliation that the current escalation has assumed, only serves to perpetuate an unending cycle of pain and suffering for the civilian population, that bear the brunt of every conflict. The Federal Government of Nigeria, therefore, calls on both sides to exercise restraint, prioritize the safety of civilians and give room for humanitarian considerations. We are therefore calling for a peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue.

Senegal ([MOFA Statement posted to X](#)): Senegal is seriously concerned by the resumption of hostilities in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Saturday October 7, 2023. The government of the Republic of Senegal condemns the attacks at the origin of this new spiral of violence and calls on all parties to exercise restraint to avoid worsening an already heavy human and material toll. In its capacity as Chairman of the United Nations Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Senegal reiterates the need to revive negotiations between the parties as quickly as possible, with a view to achieving the objective set by the relevant United Nations resolutions, two independent states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side, within secure and internationally recognized borders.

South Africa:

- ([DIRCO Statement](#)): South Africa expresses its grave concern over the recent devastating escalation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The new conflagration has arisen from the continued illegal occupation of Palestine land, continued settlement expansion, desecration of the Al Aqsa Mosque and Christian holy sites, and ongoing oppression of the Palestinian people. The region is in desperate need of a credible peace process that delivers on the calls of a plethora of previous UN resolutions for a two-state solution and a just and comprehensive peace between Israel and Palestine. South Africa, working together with the international community, seeks to ensure a lasting and durable peace that produces a viable, contiguous Palestinian State, existing side-by-side in peace with Israel, within the 1967 internationally recognised borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital. UN resolutions and international law matter. The international community cannot avoid its duty to act, and together, we must shoulder the responsibility to remove obstacles to peace and any violations of international law. Violence, killings, imprisonment, forced removals, illegal settlements, and the continued siege of Gaza are not conducive to resolving the conflict. Urgent attention must be given to

resolving the final status issues such as borders, the status of Jerusalem, the release of political prisoners, and the right of return. No real and lasting peace in Israel, Palestine, and the region is possible in the absence of a just and comprehensive resolution of the conflict. Israelis, Palestinians, and the region do not stand to gain anything from escalated tensions, increased violence, growing instability, and a continued and protracted violent conflict. South Africa therefore calls on all sides to seize the opportunity for peace as opposed to violence, and for the international community to actively rise on the side of its own international resolutions and establish a credible peace process. South Africa stands ready to share its experience in mediation and conflict resolution as it has done on the continent and around the world.

- [DIRCO on X](#): South Africa expresses its grave concern over recent devastating escalation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. South Africa calls for the immediate cessation of violence, restraint, and peace between Israel and Palestine.

Tanzania ([MFAEAC Statement on X](#)): The United Republic of Tanzania is saddened by the loss of innocent lives through violence carried out in Israel and Palestine. We mourn with the families of the deceased and pray for quick recovery for the injured. We condemn all forms of violence. Violence has never been successful as an instrument of disputes settlement. We call for restraint to stem further loss of human life. We urge all parties to pursue durable peace through a genuine dialogue, guaranteed by the goodwill of the entire family of nations, rooted in an imperative of the two equally viable states, living side by side in peace and harmony.

Togo ([FM Robert Dussey on X](#)): Togo strongly condemns the Hamas terrorist attack against Israeli civilians. We encourage Israel and Hamas to continue dialogue to resolve differences. We demand the release of the hostages. The priority is peace in Israel, Palestine and the region. We are on the side of peace.

Zambia ([FM on Twitter](#)): We strongly condemn the recent attacks on Israel, which have regrettably resulted in the loss of lives. We unequivocally denounce all acts of aggression and violence, and continue to emphasize the necessity of pursuing diplomatic means to resolving international conflicts.

Angola: None

Benin: None

Botswana: None

Burkina Faso: None

Burundi: None

Cabo Verde: None

Cameroon: None

Central African Republic: None

Chad: None

Congo: None

Democratic Republic of the Congo: None

Djibouti: None

Equatorial Guinea: None

Ethiopia: None

Eritrea: None

Eswatini: None

Gabon: None

Gambia: None

Guinea: None

Guinea-Bissau: None

Lesotho: None

Liberia: None

Madagascar: None

Malawi: None

Mali: None

Mauritania: None

Mozambique: None

Namibia: None

Niger: None

Rwanda: None

Sao Tome and Principe:

Seychelles: None

Sierra Leone: None

Somalia: None

South Sudan: None

Sudan: None

Uganda: None

Zimbabwe: None