
Foreign Secretary condemns violence in Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Philip Hammond concerned by clashes, and urges calm

I continue to be deeply concerned by violent clashes across the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel which have resulted in a number of deaths and hundreds of injuries.

We condemn all acts of violence, including attacks by Palestinians and by Israeli settlers. We urge all sides to take immediate steps to de-escalate the tensions and avoid actions that threaten to exacerbate the situation.

Every Israeli and Palestinian has the right to live in peace and security. We understand, and share, the deep frustration on all sides at the lack of progress on the Middle East Peace Process. The current violence underlines that a just and lasting resolution that ends the occupation and delivers peace for both Israelis and Palestinians is long overdue.

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