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Statement on the attack by Hamas on Israel

I am writing about the evolving situation in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza following the horrific attacks by Hamas on Israel.

Canada strongly condemns the brutal terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas against Israel. I join our Prime Minister and my colleagues in deploring this deadly massacre. There is nothing that justifies this violence. Nothing.

The pictures we have seen are horrifying and I join our Prime Minister in extending my deepest condolences to everyone affected. We mourn the loss of so many innocent civilians after these barbaric attacks. Canada unequivocally stands with Israel and supports its right to defend itself in accordance with international law. **Those that have committed these heinous and unjustifiable acts need to be brought to justice.**

Our federal government is also following the situation in Gaza very closely. **We are concerned about the humanitarian situation faced by Palestinian civilians.** We will continue to provide humanitarian assistance and Canada urges all parties to allow the flow of aid to continue.

The safety of Canadians is our top priority. Our missions in Tel Aviv and Ramallah remain open. Canadian officials in Ottawa and in our missions in Tel Aviv and Ramallah continue to work non-stop to provide emergency consular assistance to affected Canadians. Canadian officials in Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon are also supporting this work and we have called upon surge capacity in Ottawa's Emergency Watch and Response Centre responding to the crisis and assisting Canadians around the clock.

Canadians in or around the affected area should limit their movements, follow instructions of local authorities, and shelter in place until it is safe to leave the area. For updated advice, Canadians are encouraged to monitor our [Travel Advice and Advisories](#) and sign up with the [Registration of Canadians Abroad service](#). Please also visit our [webpage on Canada's response to the crisis in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip](#).

The Canadian government will be offering flights on Canadian Armed Forces Aircraft for Canadian citizens, their spouses, and their children, as well as Canadian permanent residents, their spouses and their children. We are also working on additional options for those who cannot reach the airport in Tel Aviv.

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Canadians in need of emergency consular assistance in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip should contact Global Affairs Canada's Emergency Watch and Response Centre by calling +1 613 996 8885, by text message at +1 613-686-3658, by WhatsApp at +1-613-909-8881, by Telegram at "Canada Emergency Abroad", by Signal at +1-613-909-8087, or by sending an email to sos@international.gc.ca.

We will continue to monitor the situation and I will keep Davenport residents informed of ongoing federal updates and support in the coming days.

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