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## **UPDATED Statement on the Israel-Hamas War**

I want to begin by **stating unequivocally the following**:

- All civilians need to be protected.
- It was the terrorist organisation Hamas that attacked Israel, not Palestinians.
- Israel has the right to defend itself and to go after terrorists; I further believe they have a right to be able to eliminate Hamas adhere to international law including minimising civilian casualties.
- A cessation of hostilities needs to happen as soon as possible. This would include the unconditional release of all Israeli hostages and safe humanitarian access into Gaza to provide aid to Palestinians and providing ongoing “necessities of life” support for Palestinians – including water, electricity, food, medical supplies.

### **Helping Canadians is our first priority**

Prime Minister Trudeau and Foreign Affairs Minister Joly have met with all Middle East leaders in the region and the priority is to evacuate Canadian citizens and their families.

Canada is pushing for a humanitarian corridor into Gaza from Egypt, not only to bring supplies into the territory, but also to open a crossing for nearly 400 Canadians and their relatives to evacuate Gaza.

So far nearly 1,400 Canadians, permanent residents and their families, have been taken out of Israel on Canadian flights.

For families and relatives, there are **emergency contact numbers for Canadians that are stranded in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza strip.**

Telephone: +1 613-996-8885

What’sApp: 1 613-686-3658

Text: +1 613-686-3658

Signal: +1 613-909-8087

Email: [sos@international.gc.ca](mailto:sos@international.gc.ca)

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## Consult multiple sources

A growing concern is the spread of disinformation, making people rush to judgement and express outrage against one side or the other based on false information. It is critical that we get information from multiple and reliable sources.

## **This is a fight for our values and for our democracy.**

Global leaders including our own have identified that Hamas is being supported by Iran. Russia, Iran support each other. Both are attacking democratic countries using war and terrorism.

We are in a struggle to defend our values, our humanity, and to stand up against these attacks on democracy. There is no simple solution to the conflict, but the work to find a humanitarian path to end the violence should be driven by one basic principle, and that is the most basic value of all, to protect and cherish human life.

It is important for all nations who share these values to accelerate our support for Ukraine, for Israel, for Palestine, for democracy and for world peace.

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