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AFIC CONDEMNS ISRAELI AGGRESSION

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils unequivocally condemns the brutal atrocities inflicted upon the people of Palestine.

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils calls upon the Australian Government to take a stand with the rest of the world in not only to stop the aggression but to become proactive in calling for an end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories and finding a just and peaceful solution to the long and brutal conflict that has seen the deaths of thousands of innocent people.

The President of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC), Mr Ikebal Adam Patel said that Israel has a proven record of committing brutal atrocities causing immense suffering to thousands of innocent Palestinian civilians. "Where is the call for Israel's accountability?" asked Mr Patel. He further said that justice for all must be applied equally if we are to see an end to this cycle of violence. He added that it will be wise for all parties not to continue to inflame and deteriorate the situation. If the aggression continues, there may be retaliation and many innocent Israeli and Palestinian lives will be lost.

AFIC also expresses deep concern at the muted responses from the US and other countries including Australia against the Israeli aggression. This is a moral, historical and humanitarian duty, as it is clear that the Israeli authorities have taken advantage of the world's silence to continue its aggression. The international community including the US and Australia cannot continue to ignore the plight of the Palestinian people any longer. The situation is explosive not only for the middle east but for the peace and security of the entire world. The security of the region cannot be dictated by one country alone. Urgent action must be taken by the world community to find a just solution to this long conflict that is tearing apart the peace and security of the entire globe.

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