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Subject: RE: draft tweet - Israel attacks [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Apologies^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} for multiple emails.

Some proposed tweaks upon further discussion with social media.

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And just to note that Tel Aviv's cable is still being worked on – the situation is evolving quickly and they're trying to capture as much as they can.

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Hi **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

You'll get TPs from GWO imminently which we have contributed to.

Separately, here is a draft tweet as requested. We suggest getting it out as soon as possible and keeping the message simple:

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As mentioned, Ralph tweeted earlier and Ed in Ramallah is about to do so too (with a link to smartraeller for any Aussies in the OPTs).

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Thank you very much.

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Thanks Megan,

GWO will be issuing a sitrep shortly and a subsequent sitrep will be issued at 0530 tomorrow.

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Importance: High

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Ridwaan, s 22(1)(a)(ii) Alan, GWO,

As mentioned to Ridwaan and s 22(1)(a)(ii) thank you for your help today, and please pass on appreciation for the very timely cable from Post.

To support media engagement tomorrow morning, we will need a cleared update by 6.15am.

The current messages based on the tweet are:

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Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians.

We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.

Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.

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The update in the morning should advise whether overnight developments mean the points above need updating from a policy perspective and - if so - proposed language.

The update should also include consular language (including information on whether we are providing assistance, noting any TA updates, and advice to Australians who need assistance etc.)

It would also be very helpful if Post could provide another update cable by our 5am, given the status of a number of issue was unclear when they sent their (very helpful) cable today.

Very happy to discuss if helpful.

Thank you and kind regards

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Here is our backpocket FAS brief for estimates that has detail of all reps and statements etc. on violence and settlement.

The list of violence related reps etc. is on page 3, and settlement reps start on page 8. There is more detail in the tables starting on page 37 but I see that some of the more recent reps aren't reflected in the tables yet (we're still updating the briefs) so, while the tables will give you more detail on what was discussed, use the lists on page 3 and 8 for a more definitive account of all the reps made.

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Middle East - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

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Key Messages

- The Australian Government is a longstanding supporter of a two-state solution, in which Israel and a future Palestinian state coexist, in peace and security, within internationally recognised borders.
- Australia calls on all parties to refrain from violence or other provocative actions that increase tensions and undermine the prospects for peace.
- Australia has made clear its opposition to Israeli settlements, affirming they are illegal under international law and are an obstacle to peace.
- Australia encourages Israel and the Palestinians to return to direct negotiations in good faith, in the interests of achieving a just and enduring peace agreement.
- The Australian Government's position is that Palestinian aspirations for statehood can only be realised through direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.
- Australia is a longstanding friend of Israel. As a friend, we raise concerns when and where they exist *[a list of representations in the last 12 months is at page XX]*.

Peace process

- Australia remains a strong supporter of a two-state solution, in which Israel and a future Palestinian state coexist, in peace and security, within internationally recognised borders.
- We encourage Israel and the Palestinians to return to direct negotiations in good faith.
- Australia supports any initiative between Israel and the Palestinians leading to a durable and permanent peace agreement.

Escalating violence in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

- We remain gravely concerned about violence in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, which has been on a worrying trajectory for over a year.

Current status

- In 2023, violence has been characterised by terror attacks targeting Israeli civilians; sporadic rocket fire from Gaza and air strikes from Israel in response; settler violence against Palestinians; Israeli raids against militant targets in the West Bank that have led to multiple deaths, including the deaths of civilians; and tensions in Jerusalem.

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. Since the last Senate Estimates, the violence has continued on an alarming course, ^{s 33(a)(ii)}

- On 06 October, a 19-year-old Palestinian was shot and killed by an Israeli settler in the West Bank town of Hawara.
- On 05 October, 2 Palestinian men were killed by ISF after allegedly opening fire on an Israeli vehicle near Tulkarem refugee camp in the West Bank.
- On 20 September, 3 Palestinians killed and 30 injured during clashes with the IDF
- On 21 and 22 August, 32 Palestinians arrested and a 7-year-old Palestinian (suspected militant) killed by the IDF in Jenin.
- On 21 August, an Israeli women was shot and killed by armed Palestinians.
- On 19 August, an Israeli father and son were shot in the Palestinian village of Huwara, this was followed by settlers storming nearby Palestinian homes.
- On 5 August, two Israeli settlers were arrested over the killing of a 19-year-old Palestinian man after clashes between settlers and residents of the village of Burqa, near Ramallah.
- On 21 and 22 August, Israeli Forces conducted raids on Jenin and arrested 32 suspects.
- On 3 July, Israeli forces conducted an air and ground attack on Jenin Refugee Camp, to 'counter the presence of armed Palestinians.' The attack caused widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure and the evacuation of residents.
: It was reported that 12 Palestinians (including four children) were killed and more than 100 wounded.
- On 21 June, Israel conducted their first drone strike in two decades, targeting a car in the West Bank they claimed carried three Palestinian militants. The same day Israeli settlers rampaged through the Palestinian village of Turmus Ayya.
- On 19 June, the Israeli Forces carried out a raid on Jenin assisted by attack helicopters, allegedly to arrest two suspected militants. Five Palestinians were killed and 91 wounded.
- On 13 May, an Egyptian brokered cease-fire brought to a close 5 days of conflict between Israel and Gaza-based militants.

. The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has said that (as at 27 September) so far in 2023, 29 Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks and at least 227 Palestinians (including armed militants) killed by Israeli forces and settlers.

Australian policy positions and responses

- . Australia continues to urge all parties to refrain from violent or provocative acts, and any actions that increase tensions or undermine the prospects of peace
 - this includes all acts of violence, including terrorism and rocket attacks, as well as land appropriations, forced evictions, demolitions, and settlement activity
 - imperative that security operations are proportionate, comply with international law and are carried out in ways that ensure civilians are protected
 - it is critical that the cycle of violence and bloodshed ceases and does not resume
 - call on leaders on all sides to de-escalate, restore calm and work to create the conditions for peace.

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- The escalating situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (settler violence against Palestinians, Israeli raids on militant targets resulting in the death of civilians and attacks by Palestinians against civilians) is a worrying perpetuation of hostilities.
- Foreign Minister Wong expressed concern [*in the Senate on 8 August and in a joint statement with UK and Canada on 1 July*] at changes to the settlement approval process, noted they are an obstacle to peace and called on the Israeli government to reverse their settlement expansion decisions. The joint statement also condemned unequivocally all act of terrorism and violence against civilians.
- We have made regular representations to both Israeli and Palestinian officials on the escalating violence. including most recentlv:
s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

- We have also made a number of public statements and tweets, including:
 - **19Aug** [HOM Tel Aviv condemning terror attack near Huwara]
 - **5 Aug** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet condemning violence in a terror attack]
 - **4 July** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet condemning terror attacks and targeting of civilians]

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- **1 July** [Foreign Minister Wong released a joint statement with Canada and the UK regarding settlement activity and escalating violence]
- **20 June** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet expressing condolences on the deaths of four Israelis near the settlement of Eli]
- **25 May** [HOP Ramallah regarding settler attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank]
- **11 May** [Foreign Minister tweet condemning indiscriminate rocket fire from Gaza, affirming support for Israel’s right to defend itself and calling for restraint and civilians to be protected.]
- **10 May** [Foreign Minister tweet expressing concern at civilian deaths in Israeli air strikes in Gaza and calling for restraint and civilians to be protected]
- **9 April** [Foreign Minister tweet and statement expressing concern at the escalating violence in Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon, including terror and rocket attacks, and violence against worshippers at Al-Aqsa mosque; urging calm and restraint; and calling for leaders to work towards peace]
- **8 April** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet on terror attack in Tel Aviv]
- **7 April** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet condemning rocket attacks against Israel]
- **6 April** [Foreign Minister tweet expressing concern at violence against worshippers in Al-Aqsa mosque and rocket attacks against Israel]
- **5 April** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet on Al-Aqsa violence and rocket attacks against Israel]
- **10 March** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet on terror attack in Tel Aviv]
- **27 February** [HOM Tel Aviv tweet on shooting of two brothers and subsequent mob violence by Israeli settlers in West Bank town of Huwara]
- **23 February** [Foreign Minister tweet on escalating violence, including Israeli security operation in Nablus and civilian deaths]

[See page **xx** for full text of the above tweets and statements]

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Hamas

- Hamas is the de-facto governing authority of Gaza but does not have a political role in the Palestinian Authority-led government in the West Bank.
- The Australian Government does not have diplomatic relations with Hamas, nor does it fund Hamas' activities.
- The Australian Embassy in Israel and the Australian Representative Office in Ramallah have no contact with Hamas
 - on consular issues Australian officials liaise with the Permits Centre of the Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT, Israel Ministry of Defense) and the Access Coordination Unit within the UN Office of the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator.
- Australia's official engagement with the Palestinians is through the Palestinian Authority
 - the Palestinian Authority maintains a 'delegation' in Canberra and Australia has a representative office in Ramallah
 - for Australia, both offices are a valuable interface with the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian people.

Hamas listing

- Australia listed the entirety of Hamas as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code on 4 March 2022.
- Australia also lists Hamas in its entirety as a terrorist entity under Australia's counter-terrorism financial sanctions regime and has done so since 2001
 - successive foreign ministers have renewed this listing in 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2019.

[Refer questions on the Criminal Code listing to Home Affairs]

[For managing risks in the Occupied Palestinian Territories aid program see separate brief on Occupied Palestinian Territories development program.]

Palestinian Islamic Jihad

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- Australia has listed Palestinian Islamic Jihad as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code since 2004.

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Background

Escalating violence in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

This year has seen an increase in violent incidents in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. So far in 2023 (as at 27 September) 29 Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks and at least 227 Palestinians (including armed militants) have been killed by Israeli forces and settlers. The cycle of violence has been characterized by militant and civilian casualties from Israeli Defence Force raids in the West Bank, settler violence against Palestinians and Palestinian attacks on Israelis in the Palestinian Territories and Israel itself.

Most recently, on 20 September, 3 Palestinians were killed and 30 injured during clashes with the IDF. The IDF reportedly deployed drone-based munitions to carry out the operation.

In mid-August, three Israeli civilians were killed in two separate terrorist attacks in four days by Palestinians in the West Bank. On 19 August, a father and son were shot in Huwara, this was followed by Israeli settlers storming nearby Palestinian homes. HOM Tel Aviv tweeted his condemnation and condolences of the terror attack following the incident. In the second attack, on 21 August, a 42-year-old Israeli woman was shot by two armed Palestinians, who were arrested within 24 hours. A second Israeli civilian was seriously injured in the attack. It has been reported that Hamas claimed the attackers its members.

The Jenin refugee camp continues to see violence – including deaths – during Israeli security operations. On 21 and 22 August, during a military raid in Jenin, the IDF arrested 32 Palestinian suspects. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed the death of a 17-year-old Palestinian militant in shooting after the raid.

On 5 August, two Israeli settlers were arrested in relation to the killing of a 19-year-old Palestinian after clashes broke out between armed settlers and residents of the village of Burqa near Ramallah. According to security officials, one of the arrested is a spokesperson for a lawmaker in Itamar Ben-Gvir's Otzmah Yehudit [Jewish Power] party. In a separate incident on 5 August, an Israeli municipal patrolman was killed in a shooting attack. The assailant, from the West Bank city of Jenin, was killed immediately following the incident.

In early July another Israeli operation to target militants and militant infrastructure in the Jenin refugee camp saw widespread destruction and mass evacuations of camp residents. While Israel was at pains to say the operation was carried out deliberately and in such a way as to avoid civilian casualties, reports say many civilians were wounded and civilian infrastructure was heavily damaged. Terrorist group Palestinian Islamic Jihad confirmed that 8 of the 12 casualties were its members. Israel found large caches of weapons and infrastructure it says was used to launch terrorist attacks against Israel.

Violence broke out again on 19 June, when Israeli forces entered the West Bank town of Jenin, launching a major offensive based on their intelligence reports that Jenin was providing a 'refuge for terrorism.' Nine Palestinians were killed and 100 injured. On 20 June, four Israelis were murdered in a terror attack near the settlement of Eli. Disturbing reports of mob violence against Palestinian civilians carried out by Israeli settlers followed swiftly after this attack. The IDF subsequently announced it would be bolstering its presence in the West Bank.

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On 11 May the FM issued another tweet condemning indiscriminate rocket fire from Gaza, and reiterated Australia's 'respect' for Israel's right to defend itself. On 13 May, an Egyptian brokered ceasefire ended the five-day conflict in which 34 Gazans were killed [including seven children]. In the same period, PIJ launched 1,469 rockets towards Israel, killing two people.

On 9 May, Israel announced 'Operation Arrow and Shield' and launched air strikes against Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) targets in Gaza in response to recent rocket attacks against Israel and 'imminent threats to the security of Israeli citizens.' Three PIJ leaders and nine others were reportedly killed. On 10 May the FM issued a tweet expressing deep concern at "the tragic loss of civilian life, including children" and urged "all parties to exercise restraint".

On 8 April, two Israeli-British sisters and their mother were killed by gunfire in the West Bank. Hours later an Italian tourist was killed, and seven others wounded by an Arab citizen of Israel in a ramming attack in Tel Aviv. In a tweet, HOM Tel Aviv condemned the 'senseless terrorist attack.' FM Wong tweeted and issued a statement condemning the attack, calling on all parties to 'immediately work to halt the violence, exercise restraint and restore calm.'

On 6 April Minister Wong tweeted that violence against Palestinian worshippers was "reprehensible" and that "indiscriminate rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza militants must also cease." She called on "all parties to end the violence, maintain restraint, and restore calm." HOM Tel Aviv also tweeted his concern at "disturbing scenes" at Al-Aqsa and subsequent rocket attacks on civilians. On 6 April, the UNSC held an emergency meeting in response to the raid on Al-Aqsa Mosque and rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza and Lebanon. All Council members expressed strong concern about the events at the Mosque, with many also expressing concern about the rocket attacks.

Hours after the raid on Al-Aqsa, several rockets were fired at Israel from Gaza. Hamas said that it held Israel "fully responsible for the grave escalation and the flagrant aggression against the Gaza Strip and for the consequences that will bring onto the region." Israel responded with airstrikes on the Gaza strip – no casualties were recorded. On 6 April, in the most serious escalation involving Lebanon and Israel since the 2006 war, up to 100 rockets were launched from southern Lebanon into northern Israel. Israel has attributed the rockets to Hamas, although commentators have mused about Hizballah's involvement and the group's media office released a statement supporting 'all moves by the Palestinian people and resistance to defend worshippers and deter the Israeli aggression.' In response to the launches, the Israeli military targeted three Hamas installations in southern Lebanon. In what appeared a deliberate attempt not to escalate things, no casualties were reported.

On 5 April Israeli police, including riot control units, raided Al-Aqsa Mosque forcibly removing some 350 worshippers who had barracked themselves inside. Dozens more were arrested, and several were injured. According to the Israeli MFA, Israeli security forces were prompted to act after 'masked agitators locked themselves inside the mosque with fireworks, sticks and stones.' Footage of the incident was displayed widely on social media, drawing fierce criticism from around the Muslim world.

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The above events initiated a violent start to 2023 and came on the back of a steady rise in violence over the course of 2022. This period has been characterised by a string of terror attacks targeting Israeli civilians; sporadic but usually limited rocket fire from Gaza (and targeted air strikes from Israel in response); settler violence against Palestinians, include a mob rampage in the northern West Bank town of Huwara following the killing of two Israeli settler brothers in January; and Israeli raids against militant targets in the West Bank that have led to multiple deaths, including some civilians.

We have responded publicly to the violence on several occasions, including via tweets from the Foreign Minister, HOM Tel Aviv, and HOP Ramallah, and three Foreign Ministerial statements (28 January, 6 April and 01 July). We also raised the violence in our Item 2 statement at the HRC on 6 March.

Israeli Independence Day/Nakba

On 25 April, Foreign Minister Wong issued a tweet on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Israeli independence. There was criticism of the move from some quarters, including the Australia Palestine Advocacy Network, given what the creation of the state of Israel has meant for the Palestinian people. We have been invited to, but never attended, events to mark what the Palestinians call the *Nakba* ('catastrophe'), typically held each year on 15 May.

For the first time in the history of the UN, the Nakba anniversary will be commemorated pursuant to the mandate by the General Assembly (Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat, 30 November 2022), which Australia voted against. The resolution renewed the mandate of the UN's Division of Palestinian Rights, adding a requirement to mark the Nakba anniversary in 2023. The resolution occurs biannually, and we have consistently voted no on the basis that it supports the continuation of bodies in the UN which focus exclusively on the Palestinian perspective. We have a longstanding position of opposing these resolutions ^{s 33(a)(iii)}

Current Israeli government

On 29 December 2022, the Knesset voted to confirm Benjamin Netanyahu's new government. **s 33(a)(iii)**

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Date	Representations (past 12 months, as at 20 September 2023)
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Date	Statements from Foreign Minister Wong
1 July 2023	<p>The Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada and the UK are deeply concerned by recent events in Israel and the West Bank which further reduce the prospects for peace. We are gravely concerned by the Government of Israel's approval on June 26 of over 5,700 new settlement units in the West Bank. We are also concerned by the changes to the settlement approval process instituted by the Government of Israel on June 18, which facilitate swifter approval of construction in settlements.</p> <p>The continued expansion of settlements is an obstacle to peace and negatively impacts efforts to achieve a negotiated two-state solution. We call on the Government of Israel to reverse these decisions.</p> <p>We are also deeply troubled by the continued violence and loss of life in Israel and in the West Bank. We unequivocally condemn all forms of terrorism and violence against civilians, including the terrorist attack on June 20 in Eli targeting Israeli civilians. We also</p>

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	<p>condemn the reprehensible and ongoing settler violence targeting Palestinians. We welcome the joint statement from the heads of the Israel Defense Forces, Israel Security Agency and the Israel Police as well as statements by other Israeli leaders condemning these acts. We call on authorities to ensure accountability for all perpetrators of violence.</p> <p>The cycle of violence in Israel and the West Bank must be broken.</p> <p>Australia, Canada and the UK stand firmly with the Israeli and Palestinian people in their right to live in peace and security, with dignity, without fear and with their human rights fully respected. We continue to support a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in the Middle East, including the creation of a Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security with Israel. This vision can only be achieved through direct negotiations between the parties.</p>
<p>9 April 2023</p>	<p>Australia is deeply concerned by the escalating violence in Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon.</p> <p>During this time of Ramadan, Pesach and Easter, we call on all parties to immediately work to halt the violence, exercise restraint and restore calm.</p> <p>Australia condemns unreservedly the indiscriminate rocket attacks from southern Lebanon and Gaza and recognises Israel’s right to defend itself.</p> <p>We are shocked by the horrifying news of deadly terror attacks in the West Bank and Tel Aviv and our thoughts go to the victims’ families and the injured. Terrorism and violence against civilians can never be justified.</p> <p>Australia calls on all parties to respect and protect the sanctity and status of Jerusalem’s holy sites. Violence at Al Aqsa, including against worshippers, is reprehensible. Security operations must be proportionate and in accordance with international law.</p> <p>Events in recent days are urgent reminders of the need for leaders to work together to foster the conditions necessary for tolerance and peace.</p>
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Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates: (06 May 2023)

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Recent Ministerial Comments

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Relevant Media Reporting

- There has been significant national and international media coverage of the recent nomenclature change from Palestinian Territories to Occupied Palestinian Territories.

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Cc: [Ridwaan Jadwat](#)
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Date: Sunday, 8 October 2023 3:05:31 PM

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Thank you.

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

According to Tel Aviv's Crisis Action Plan there are 10,000 Australian residing in Israel – many of these dual nationals. Australian tourists are estimated to be 45,900 per year.

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Alan,

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Cc: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#); [Craig Maclachlan](#); [Ciara Spencer](#); [Ridwaan Jadwat](#); [Alan Copeland](#); [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
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Thanks very much to everyone for such a quick turnaround. I'll let you know a readout as soon as I can.

Anna

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Hi Anna

Attached as requested.

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Senator the Hon Penny Wong

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

If raised: Other Australians affected

- Have not had reports of any other Australian casualties or hospitalisations at this time.

Background

On Saturday 7 October at approximately 0630 local time (1430 AEDT), Hamas and other militant groups including Palestinian Islamic Jihad launched a surprise attack against Israel from Gaza. The attack involved rocket fire towards southern and central Israel and coordinated incursions into *southern Israel and attacks on towns*. The IDF has confirmed that a number of soldiers and civilians have been taken hostage (as well as foreign nationals, reportedly Thais and Nepalese).

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Date cleared: 21 June 2023 20
June 2023

Consultation: Tel Aviv Post

Hamas military commander Mohammad Deif announced on Gaza television that the surprise attack was in response to 'the desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque'. Mohammad Deif said the action was the start of 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' against Israel, and called on Palestinians to attack Israel with whatever weapons they could find. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad group said its fighters were joining Hamas in the attack.

The attacks have prompted the government of Israel to declare a state of emergency and war. *Launching 'Operation Iron Swords'*, Israel has responded with a barrage of air strikes on targets in the Gaza strip and deployed 31 battalions to the vicinity of Gaza. Combat and sieges continue in Israeli territory around the border with Gaza in multiple locations. On both sides hundreds have been killed and several thousand injured.

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Ridwaan, ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Given these points have been made public, could I clarify the issue with using the document (attached) publicly? Is it possible to use it to show the full range of public statements? (Highlights aren't in the attached, not sure why they won't delete here.)

Thanks,

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Many thanks

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have updated the Tweets to include the exact language used.

Thanks,

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Thank you

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Date	Representations (past 12 months, as at 8 October 2023)
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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The list of violence related reps etc. is on page 3, and settlement reps start on page 8. There is more detail in the tables starting on page 37 but I see that some of the more recent reps aren't reflected in the tables yet (we're still updating the briefs) so, while the tables will give you more detail on what was discussed, use the lists on page 3 and 8 for a more definitive account of all the reps made.

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From: [Anna Oldmeadow](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: s 33(a)(iii) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Sunday, 8 October 2023 9:11:27 PM

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) The problem with doing things at 9pm on a Sunday night. Thanks for all the good work this weekend.

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No worries – have sent on now. Thanks Anna. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: s 33(a)(iii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc: [Ridwaan Jadwat](#); [Craig Maclachlan](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Tel Aviv - rocket attacks across southern and central Israel [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Saturday, 7 October 2023 7:36:00 PM
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As mentioned.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FW: Tel Aviv - rocket attacks across southern and central Israel [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi all – outlooked blocked me from sending the above / attached to you via s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Deputy Head of Mission
Australian Embassy, Israel
T +s 22(1)(a)(ii) | **M** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 7 October 2023 11:30 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; Global Watch Office
s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Ralph King <Ralph.King@dfat.gov.au>; Ridwaan Jadwat <Ridwaan.Jadwat@dfat.gov.au>;
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@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Tel Aviv - rocket attacks across southern and central Israel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi GWO and MAD colleagues

We've just put in the attached cable on today's events, with the caveat that they're ongoing.

It includes a recommended tweak to the Travel Advice.

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Deputy Head of Mission
Australian Embassy, Israel

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Sent: Saturday, 7 October 2023 9:55 AM
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Subject: RE: Tel Aviv - rocket attacks across southern and central Israel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi GWO,

Thanks for your further call.

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

The situation is ongoing. Cable reporting will follow.

Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: Tel Aviv - rocket attacks across southern and central Israel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi GWO,

Thanks for your call.

Security sources have confirmed a widespread rocket attack across southern and central Israel occurred early this morning, around 6:30am local time.

Post staff and families have confirmed their safety. Security and safety settings remain appropriate.

The travel advice contains enduring language covering such attacks, given their frequency in Israel. The current travel advice remains appropriate.

Cable reporting will follow as the situation develops.

Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

First Secretary (Management)/SAO & Consul

Australian Embassy, Tel Aviv

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc: [Ridwaan Jadwat](#)
Subject: FW: Pls send cable obo TAVV [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Sunday, 8 October 2023 6:28:00 AM

OFFICIAL

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

In case you can't access^{s 47E(d)}, Tel Aviv's cable below. Figures are now at least 200 Israelis killed and over 1,100 injured, per the sitrep.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 4:06 AM
To: Global Watch Office^{s 47E(d)} @dfat.gov.au>
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Hi GWO / LVS

For sit-rep purposes:

Estimates are now at least *150* Israelis killed today. As at 2000.

Cheers,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Date: Saturday, 7 October 2023 at 7:28:17 pm
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Subject: Pls send cable obo TAWW[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi GWO

s 47E(d)
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Please use the distribution of and reference s 47E(d) , and add in the 'Development Cooperation/Aid General and emergency aid' topic.

Thanks and apologies for the formatting.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Israel: Surprise attacks, s 33(a)(iii)

SUMMARY

Twelve hours since attacks from Gaza on Israel began, the situation remains fluid. Combat and sieges continue in Israeli territory around Gaza and IDF confirms hostages have been taken into Gaza - graphic images of both are spreading widely. Over 3000 rockets have been fired at Israel, at least 100 Israelis have been killed and about 1000 have been injured. Two-hour-old reports estimate 198 killed and 1610 injured Gazans, with Israeli strikes ongoing. PM Netanyahu has said Israel "is at war" and the IDF is on high alert, with 31 battalions moved around Gaza.

BODY

As at 1830 on 7 October (Israel time), Israel is reporting over 100 dead and approximately 1000 injured from rocket attacks (over 3000) and incursions by Palestinian militants from Gaza. As of 1630, the Gaza Health Ministry estimated 198 Palestinians had been killed and 1610 injured in Israel air strikes, which are continuing.

2. IDF s 33(a)(iii) has confirmed militants have taken hostages back into Gaza s 33(a)(iii)

It continues skirmishes and sieges in Israeli areas around Gaza - reportedly in up to 22 locations. 31 battalions have been deployed to the Gaza envelope. Soldier groups that had been boycotting duties in protest of the Israeli Government's judicial overhaul have urged members to respond to the IDF call

up.

3. s 33(a)(iii)

Netanyahu putting out the statement: "we are at war".

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

PM

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

Post settings, travel advice, consular

10. Travel advice is appropriate, with updates and social alerts earlier today. Post staff are accounted for. Ben Gurion airport remains operating (though some individual airlines have delayed services). North and South crossings into Jordan remain open (Allenby crossing is closed).

s 33(a)(iii)

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To: [Anna Oldmeadow](#); [Craig Maclachlan](#); [Ciara Spencer](#); [Ridwaan Jadwat](#); [Alan Copeland](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Rebekah Grindlay](#)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: s 33(a)(iii) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Sunday, 8 October 2023 9:05:00 PM

No worries, thanks Anna. Will send to PM&C now s 33(a)(iii)

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s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

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To: [Anna Oldmeadow](mailto:Anna.Oldmeadow@dfat.gov.au)
Subject: RE: s 33(a)(iii) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Sunday, 8 October 2023 9:10:00 PM

No worries – have sent on now. Thanks Anna. James

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Subject: s 33(a)(iii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii); [Anna Oldmeadow](#)
Subject: Fwd: PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY ALBANESE - TRANSCRIPT - TELEVISION INTERVIEW - ABC NEWS BREAKFAST - MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2023[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 9 October 2023 9:50:08 AM

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@pmc.gov.au>
Date: Monday, 9 October 2023 at 8:58:26 am
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>, "Alan Copeland"
<Alan.Copeland@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY ALBANESE - TRANSCRIPT - TELEVISION INTERVIEW - ABC NEWS BREAKFAST - MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2023

Hi James and Alan

Here's the next transcript from the PM's media engagement this morning.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Date: 9 October 2023 at 8:56:39 am AEDT
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Subject: PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY ALBANESE - TRANSCRIPT - TELEVISION INTERVIEW - ABC NEWS BREAKFAST - MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2023
Reply-To: PMO Media s 47E(d)

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TRANSCRIPT

**E&OE TRANSCRIPT
TELEVISION INTERVIEW
ABC NEWS BREAKFAST
MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2023**

SUBJECTS: Hamas-Israel Conflict; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament Referendum.

MICHAEL ROWLAND, HOST: PM, good morning.

ANTHONY ALBANESE, PRIME MINISTER: Good morning, Michael.

ROWLAND: Overnight, we've seen the death toll rise in that Hamas-Israel conflict. Some truly horrific scenes on the streets of cities in southern Israel. Israel vowing a deadly response. Are you worried we're about to see this conflict escalate to truly unthinkable levels?

PRIME MINISTER: Well, this already I think, has been quite unthinkable. More than a

thousand Hamas fighters travelling into southern Israel with indiscriminate killing of civilians and citizens, with the capturing of people and taking them to Gaza, and there are different figures about how many people have been subject to be taken hostage, effectively as human hostages. And a real concern, of course, in Israeli response. As you would expect, Israel has a right to defend itself. But you will see, you've already seen horrific numbers, so more than six hundred Israelis killed in the initial action by Hamas and hundreds of people killed in Gaza as well. This is of real concern, but Hamas bear the responsibility for this. Of course, this was a shock attack that was obviously very well planned and I think has shocked the world. The extent to which we haven't seen for fifty years, since the Yom Kippur War.

ROWLAND: Do you have any information about Australians possibly caught up in the conflict?

PRIME MINISTER: We are working on a twenty-four hours basis, our Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials. Penny Wong, our Foreign Minister, spoke to the Israeli Foreign Minister last night. I spoke to the Israeli Ambassador to Australia yesterday. We are in constant contact between Australian officials and Israeli officials. We don't have any further information to announce at this point in time. But obviously we are concerned, as is the whole world. This is a place where citizens of the world do gather. We have a number, Michael, 1300 555 135 that people can ring if they're concerned about friends or relatives there who were visiting the region. That is a number where officials will take calls and will follow up. But this is causing a great deal of distress, and that is understandable.

ROWLAND: Penny Wong is also urging all parties to exercise restraint when it comes to protecting civilian lives. Do you echo that plea?

PRIME MINISTER: Of course civilians shouldn't be targeted in this, and that is what is so horrific about Hamas's indiscriminate actions that took place. There were more than twenty towns and villages, Kibbutzs, that were raided here by Hamas with indiscriminate killing just in order to create carnage. And it was quite an extraordinary attack and reprehensible. It shocked the world and it should be and has been rightly condemned by the world.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media Contact:

Prime Minister's Office: [s 47E\(d\)](#)



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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

MEDIA TALKING POINTS
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Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories
Conflict

Originating Division: MAD

Version Date: 8/10/2023
Version: 1

Reason for Update: New talking points
Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians
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- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured in these attacks and all others affected
 - critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- We have not had any reports of Australian casualties or hospitalisations at this time
 - Australian officials are monitoring the situation closely and remain in touch with local authorities.
- Australians in need of emergency consular assistance should contact the Australian Government's 24-hour Consular Emergency Centre on +61 2 6261 3305 (from overseas) or 1300 555 135 (from within Australia).

Have any Australians been killed or injured?

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What is DFAT's advice to Australians in Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

- Make contact with your family and loved ones in Australia to confirm your safety and follow the instructions of local authorities.
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 - travel advice for Gaza is level 4 (do not travel).

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Background

On Saturday 7 October at approximately 0630 local time (1430 AEDT), Hamas and other militant groups including Palestinian Islamic Jihad launched a surprise attack against Israel from Gaza. The attack involved rocket fire towards southern and central Israel and coordinated incursions into Israel, with Hamas and other militants attacking towns and military installations in the south. The IDF has confirmed that a number of soldiers and civilians have been taken hostage (as well as foreign nationals, reportedly Thais and Nepalese).

Hamas military commander Mohammad Deif announced on Gaza television that the surprise attack was in response to 'the desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque'. Mohammad Deif said the action was the start of 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' against Israel, and called on Palestinians to attack Israel with whatever weapons they could find. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad group said its fighters were joining Hamas in the attack.

The attacks have prompted the government of Israel to declare a state of emergency and war. Israel has responded with a barrage of air strikes on targets in the Gaza strip and deployed 31 battalions to the vicinity of Gaza. Combat and sieges continue in Israeli territory around the border with Gaza in multiple locations. On both sides hundreds have been killed and several thousand injured.

Authorities were watching for flare ups in the West Bank, along the Northern border and in mixed cities. Things have remained relatively quiet in these areas, although there has been limited Hizballah movement in South Lebanon and five Palestinians were killed in separate incidents in the West Bank following reports of settler violence.

Australia's travel advice was updated on 7 October. Foreign Minister Wong tweeted condemnation of the attacks. Australia's Ambassador to Israel and Australian Representative Occupied Palestinian Territories also posted on X to condemn the attacks against Israel.

Handling Notes

Media Interest

These events have a high level of domestic and international interest

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Talking Points

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Reports of Hizballah shelling at northern Israel and Israeli retaliatory strikes

- *Critical that other actors stay out of the conflict and avoid any escalatory actions.*
- *Australia recognises Israel's right to defend itself from attacks.*

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- *Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating*
 - *we are monitoring the situation closely.*

Does the Australian Government stand by its decision to increase funding in UNRWA?

- *UNRWA is the only UN body with the mandate to provide relief and social services to Palestinian refugees*
 - *in Gaza that role would otherwise be played by Hamas*
 - *by promoting UN values, Australian assistance provides an antidote to their extremist ideology.*
- *Out closest like-minded all fund UNRWA, including the United States (USD293 million in 2023), UK (GBP20 million in 2023) and Canada (CAD100 million over four years).*

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Authorities were watching for flare ups in the West Bank, along the Northern border and in mixed cities. Things have remained relatively quiet in these areas, although there has been limited Hizballah movement in South Lebanon and five Palestinians were killed in separate incidents in the West Bank following reports of settler violence. *Early on 8 October local time, it was reported that Hizballah had fired shells at northern Israel from southern Lebanon, and that the Israeli Defense Forces had conducted retaliatory air strikes at the area from which the shelling came.*

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MEDIA TALKING POINTS
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Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories
Conflict

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Talking Points

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Reports of Hizballah shelling at northern Israel and Israeli retaliatory strikes

- Critical that other actors stay out of the conflict and avoid any escalatory actions.
- Australia recognises Israel's right to defend itself from attacks.

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- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - we are monitoring the situation closely.

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Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories
Conflict

Originating Division: MAD

Version Date: 9/10/2023
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Talking Points

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GLOBAL WATCH OFFICE ALERT

On Saturday 7 October at approximately 0630 local time (1430 AEDT) a widespread rocket attack took place across southern and central Israel. Media reports indicate one person has died and at least sixteen people were injured in the attack. Direct rocket impacts were reported in Gederot, Yavne, Ashkelon and Kfar Aviv. Israeli Defence Forces confirmed that in addition to the rocket fire, militants had attempted to infiltrate Israel from the Gaza strip. Residents in border areas were advised to remain indoors.

Hamas said the leader of its military wing, Mohammed Deif, announced on Gaza television that the attack was in response to 'the desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque'.

Tel Aviv Post has confirmed all staff and families are safe. The Consular Emergency Centre has not received any calls relating to this event.

Media:

- [Times of Israel](#): Gazans fire rocket barrages at central, southern Israel; one critically wounded
- [Jerusalem Post](#): Rockets slam into southern, central Israel; at least one person dead
- [CNN](#): One dead in Israel after rocket barrage from Gaza
- [Al Jazeera](#): Israel-Palestine escalation live news: Barrage of rockets fired from Gaza

GWO will continue to monitor and provide updates should there be any significant developments.

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Crisis Preparedness and Management Branch | Consular and Crisis Management Division
T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | M s 33(a)(iii)

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GLOBAL WATCH OFFICE SITUATION REPORT

Key Developments – 07/10/2023, 1430 (local time) – 07/10/2023, 2230 (AEDT)

- Hamas military commander Mohammad Deif announced the start of 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' against Israel, and called on Palestinians to attack Israel with whatever weapons they could find. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad group said its fighters were joining Hamas in the attack.
- As of 1045 local time, 2,500 rockets had been fired from Gaza and accompanied by militant incursions into Israel by land, sea and air (paragliders) by militants
 - In Israel, least 22 people were killed and 545 wounded, according to Israeli medical officials.
- Israel's Defense Forces said its troops are fighting in at least a half-dozen locations, and confirmed Hamas is in 'de facto' control of several villages in southern Israel.
- Information is limited by military censorship orders
 - Israeli media reported that gunmen opened fire on civilians in the town of Sderot, in southern Israel
 - There are also reports of Israelis being taken captive by fighters.
- Airports in southern and central Israel have been closed, but Ben Gurion international airport remains open.

Australian Government Response

- s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 47E(1)

- DFAT's Registration Online Portal has been opened for internal use.
- [Smartraveller](#) travel advice and social media has been updated.
- Foreign Minister Wong [tweeted](#) condemnation of the attacks.
- Australia's Ambassador to Israel [tweeted](#) condemnation of the attacks.
- Australian Representative, Occupied Palestinian Territories, [tweeted](#) condemnation of the attacks.

Local Government Response

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [tweeted](#) 'we are at war' and called an emergency meeting of Israel's Security Cabinet for 1300 local time (2100 AEDT) Saturday at Israel Defense Forces' headquarters in Tel Aviv.
- Mr Netanyahu also issued an address:

- "Citizens of Israel, We are at war, not in an operation or in rounds, but at war. This morning, Hamas launched a murderous surprise attack against the State of Israel and its citizens. We have been in this since the early morning hours. I convened the heads of the security establishment and ordered – first of all – to clear out the communities that have been infiltrated by terrorists. This currently is being carried out. At the same time, I have ordered an extensive mobilization of reserves and that we return fire of a magnitude that the enemy has not known. The enemy will pay an unprecedented price. In the meantime, I call on the citizens of Israel to strictly adhere to the directives of the IDF and Home Front Command. We are at war and we will win it."

International Response

- UK, Germany and Italy have condemned the attacks.
- The [UK](#) has updated its travel advice for Israel.

Media

- Live Blogs: [Al Jazeera](#), [CNN](#), [BBC](#), [Jerusalem Post](#), [NY Times](#)
- [Al Jazeera](#): Palestinian fighters reported in Israel as rockets launched from Gaza
- [Reuters](#): Hamas launches surprise attack as gunmen enter Israel
- [Ynet](#): Airports close in southern, central Israel following rocket fire
- [Jerusalem Post](#): Hamas terror commander Deif calls for all out war on Israel

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T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | **M** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)

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GLOBAL WATCH OFFICE SITUATION REPORT

Key Developments – 07/10/2023, 2130 (local time) – 08/11/2023, 0530 (AEDT)

- Combat and sieges continue in Israeli territory around the border with Gaza, reportedly in up to 22 locations.
- Over 3,000 rockets have been fired at Israel, at least 200 Israelis have been killed and more than 1,100 have been injured.
- In Gaza, at least 198 people have been killed and 1,610 injured from Israeli strikes, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.
- The Israel Defence Force (IDF) confirms hostages have been taken into Gaza
 - The number of hostages has not been disclosed
 - There are separate reports that Thai and Nepalese nationals are amongst the hostages.
- Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport remains open, but some flights have been delayed or cancelled.
- Israel's National Cyber Directorate posted on [Facebook](#) that it refutes claims that Israeli government websites are experiencing an upsurge in cyber-attacks related to the current situation.

Australian Government Response (including Consular)

- s 47E(d)

- DFAT posted on [X](#) updated advice to Australians in the conflict zone, including the need to monitor media and public safety information updates through the Israel's National Emergency Portal.

Local Government Response

- Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has [spoken](#) with US President Joe Biden about the evolving situation.
- Israel's North and South crossings into Jordan remain open (Allenby crossing is closed).

Key International Responses

- [US](#) President Joe Biden released a statement [condemning](#) the attacks and offered to provide 'all appropriate means of support' to Israel
 - The State Department spokesperson [condemned](#) the attacks against Israel
 - The White House National Security Council spokesperson released a [statement](#) condemning the attacks against Israel.

- [UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak](#) and [Foreign Secretary James Cleverly](#) condemned the attacks against Israel.
- Others to speak out against the attack included [Japan's MOFA](#), [Canada's Prime Minister](#) and [Canada's Foreign Minister](#) the [UN Secretary-General](#), [UN Special Coordinator](#) for the Middle East Peace Process, the [EC President](#), a [NATO spokesperson](#),
- Hezbollah issued a statement in support of Hamas's attacks, but stopped short of saying it would contribute to the fighting
 - Beirut post is not aware of any military operations by either Hizballah or Hamas factions in Lebanon in connection with the Hamas/Israel conflict.
- Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas told media that the Palestinian people have the right to defend themselves against the 'terror of settlers and occupation troops.'
- [Saudi Arabia's](#) and the [UAE's](#) Foreign Ministry released a [statement](#) calling for a halt to the escalation in violence between Israelis and Palestinians.

Humanitarian

- UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland is reportedly looking to preposition humanitarian supplies in anticipation of an extended conflict in Gaza.
- Israel's Energy Minister has ordered electricity supplies to the Gaza Strip Hamas to be cut.
- 1,000 Gazans are estimated to be currently taking shelter in United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) schools across all Governorates of Gaza
 - UNRWA expected this to increase to 5,000 on Sunday.

Media

- Live Blogs: [Al Jazeera](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [BBC](#), [AP](#), [Jerusalem Post](#), [NY Times](#)
- [Jerusalem Post](#): Operation Swords of Iron: Rockets spray down, Hamas in Israel
- [Al Arabiya](#): At least 150 Israelis killed, more than 1,100 wounded in Hamas surprise attack
- [Al Jazeera](#): Photos: Israel pummels Gaza after Hamas's unprecedented attack
- [ABC](#): Palestinian militants launch military operation, Israel strikes targets in Gaza
- [Reuters](#): Scores dead in Israel and Gaza after Hamas shock attack on Israeli towns



Source: AP news

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s 22(1)(a)(ii), s 47E(d)



ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES CONFLICT: DFAT SITREP v.03
DFAT UPDATE: 16:00, 08 OCTOBER 2023

KEY UPDATES

1. Israeli Defence Force said it is carrying out artillery strikes in Lebanon after a number of mortar shells were fired towards Israeli territory.
2. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would destroy Hamas' capabilities and 'avenge this dark day'
 - a. the Israeli army has advised residents of several areas of the Gaza Strip to evacuate in preparation for retaliatory strikes against Hamas.
3. Israeli media are reporting 300 Israelis dead, over 1,500 injured and 'dozens' abducted.
4. At least 300 Palestinians in Gaza are reported dead, and over 2000 injured.
5. US President Joe Biden pledged to ensure Israel has the help it needs to defend itself.
6. The UNSC will meet on Sunday 8 October (local time) to discuss the conflict.
7. As at 1500 AEDT today, there are no consular cases arising from the situation.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- All Australian Defence Force personnel (Multinational Force and Observers, United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation and United Nations Disengagement Observer Force) are safe and accounted for.
- Foreign Minister Wong tweeted condemnation of the attacks on 7 October.
- Foreign Minister Wong tweeted she had contacted Israel's Ambassador to Australia to express Australia's support for Israel; indicated there were no reports of Australian casualties to date; and provided contact details for Australians needing emergency consular assistance.



- Prime Minister Albanese [tweeted](#) his condemnation on 8 October and articulated his support for Israel on [Insiders](#).

LOCAL RESPONSES

- Israel has declared a state of emergency.
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CONSULAR UPDATES

s 47E(d)

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CABLES

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)



From: Global Watch Office s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 4:49 PM
To: CMS Coordination
Subject: Resent: SITREP 3 : Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict SITREP - 08102023.docx

OFFICIAL

ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES CONFLICT: DFAT SITREP v.03

DFAT UPDATE: 16:00, 08 OCTOBER 2023

KEY UPDATES

- 1. Israeli Defence Force said it is carrying out artillery strikes in Lebanon after a number of mortar shells were fired towards Israeli territory.**
- 2. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would destroy Hamas' capabilities and 'avenge this dark day'**
 - a. the Israeli army has advised residents of several areas of the Gaza Strip to evacuate in preparation for retaliatory strikes against Hamas.**
- 3. Israeli media are reporting 300 Israelis dead, over 1,500 injured and 'dozens' abducted.**
- 4. At least 300 Palestinians in Gaza are reported dead, and over 2000 injured.**
- 5. US President Joe Biden pledged to ensure Israel has the help it needs to defend itself.**
- 6. The UNSC will meet on Sunday 8 October (local time) to discuss the conflict.**
- 7. As at 1500 AEDT today, there are no consular cases arising from the situation.**

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- All Australian Defence Force personnel (Multinational Force and Observers, United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation and United Nations Disengagement Observer Force) are safe and accounted for.

- Foreign Minister Wong [tweeted](#) condemnation of the attacks on 7 October.
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CABLES

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PROTECTED

ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES CONFLICT: DFAT SITREP v.04
DFAT UPDATE: 05:30, 09 OCTOBER 2023

KEY UPDATES

1. **Israel's Security Cabinet officially [declared](#) a state of war in response to Hamas' attacks.**
2. **Over 600 Israelis are dead and 2000 injured.**
3. **370 people have been killed in Gaza, with a further 2,200 injured.**
4. **Israeli airstrikes on Gaza continue, as well as ground battles at several locations in Israeli territory near Gaza.**
5. **IDF and Hizballah exchanged fire along the Israel-Lebanon border.**
6. **There are estimates that around 50 Israelis have been taken to Gaza, lower than Hamas' claimed number of 163.**
7. **s 47F(1)**
8. **Several US citizens, 2-3 Canadians and at least one British citizens are also understood to be among the abducted.**

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- Foreign Minister Wong spoke with Israeli Foreign Minister Cohen by phone on 8 October.
- Foreign Minister Wong [tweeted](#) condemnation of the attacks on 7 October and on 8 October tweeted that she had contacted Israel's Ambassador to Australia to express Australia's support for Israel; indicated there were no reports of Australian casualties to date; and provided contact details for Australians needing emergency consular assistance.
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LOCAL RESPONSES

- Israel's Security Cabinet officially approved a state of war situation, as per Article 40 of the Basic Law. The Cabinet announced it had made "a series of operational decisions... to achieve the destruction of the military and government capabilities of Hamas and Islamic Jihad".
- **s 33(a)(iii)**

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

US	US Defense Secretary Austin directed the movement of the USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group to the Eastern Mediterranean. He said the US is also rapidly providing the IDF with additional equipment and resources, including munitions.
UK	The UK changed its travel advice; it now recommends against 'all but essential travel' to Israel/Occupied Palestinian Territories
EU	Eleven European countries including Germany, Spain, Switzerland and Nordics updated travel advice to effectively avoid non-essential travel.
Egypt:	Egypt's President Abdel Fatah El-Sisi has contacted both Hamas and Israel seeking to contain the current conflict. Egyptian media reported that Israel asked Egypt to assist in mediating for the release of Israeli hostages captured by Hamas.
Arab League:	The Secretary General of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, called for an immediate halt to military operations in Gaza, stating that Israel's policies were tantamount to a time bomb that deprived the region of any serious opportunities for stability in the foreseeable future.
Germany:	The German government said on Sunday it was reviewing its hundreds of millions of euros of aid for Palestinians.
Indonesia:	Indonesia's foreign ministry said it was deeply concerned with the escalation of conflict between Palestine and Israel, and urged the immediate end of violence to avoid further human casualties.
Thailand:	Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin confirmed two Thai nationals were killed and eight injured, and 11 held hostage.
Jordan:	King Abdullah II called for intensifying international efforts to stop the escalation of the latest violence between the Palestinians and Israel.
Iran:	The Iranian regime and its supporters have celebrated Hamas' attacks on Israel as a moment of triumph, heralding it as the end of the 'Zionist' regime.
Iraq:	Iraq's Prime Minister expressed support for 'the Palestinian cause', blaming Hamas' attack on Israel's 'decades-long oppression'. Iraq has cautioned against escalation and warned of regional destabilisation.
Japan:	Foreign Minister Kamikawa Yoko issued a statement expressing deep concern about casualties on both sides and urging restraint.
Europe Security:	The Metropolitan Police increased London patrols in anticipation of protests. Germany and France have also stepped-up security around Jewish institutions.

CONFLICT UPDATES

- Israel has conducted over 426 airstrikes on Gaza. Ground battles continue at several locations in Israeli territory near Gaza.
- Hizballah claimed responsibility for the mortar fire at Israel from Lebanon.
- At least 370 Palestinians have been killed and 2,200 others wounded in Gaza since Saturday, the Palestinian Ministry of Health said.

CONSULAR UPDATES

- s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

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 - Air France is reported to have suspended flights to Israel.

MEDIA

- Live Blogs: [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC](#), [CNN](#), [AP](#), [France24](#), [abcNEWS](#), [Jerusalem Post](#),
- [Reuters](#): World reacts to Hamas attack on Israel
- [Nikkei Asia](#): Israel crisis sparks worry in Asia, from India to Thailand
- [Reuters](#): Policeman kills 2 Israelis and 1 Egyptian at Egyptian tourist site
- [CNA](#): Germany, France and Britain step up security after Israel-Gaza violence
- [Jerusalem Post](#): PM Netanyahu appoints coordinator to work with families of hostages
- [Anadolu](#): Israel declares 'state of war' as conflict takes heavy toll

CABLES

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LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SENATE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

TRANSCRIPT

E&OE TRANSCRIPT
PRESS CONFERENCE
MELBOURNE AIRPORT
MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2023

Subjects: Israel-Palestine conflict; Hamas attack; support for Australians.

PENNY WONG, FOREIGN MINISTER: Hi, everybody. Thank you very much for coming out to the airport.

Can I start by reiterating the comments I made on Saturday night? Australia unequivocally condemns the attack on Israel by Hamas. We unequivocally condemn the indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages, a particularly distressing and egregious act by Hamas. These are abhorrent acts and I again reiterate our call for all hostages to be released. I have spoken over the weekend to the Foreign Minister of Israel, Foreign Minister Cohen. I expressed Australia's support for Israel, our solidarity and our support for Israel's right to defend itself. I want to say at this time that Australia's thoughts are with those lost, those injured, those taken hostage and all their loved ones.

Australia always urges the protection of civilian lives. We are seeking to confirm the welfare of Australians in affected areas. We are working with local authorities and I spoke also over the weekend to our Head of Missions, our Ambassador in Israel and our Head of Missions in the Palestinian territories. We urge Australians who are in Israel, if you have not done so, to please contact your families to assure us all of your safety. We have also altered the travel advice. We are now at do not travel to Gaza and near border. Details are on the Smart Traveller website and we will continue to assess our travel advice. I'm happy to take questions.

JOURNALIST: Do you know of any Australians who may be caught up in the hostile situations, injured or killed over there so far?

FOREIGN MINISTER: I don't have any information at this stage about Australians hospitalised or - hospitalised or injured or any fatalities. But obviously, as I said, we are seeking to ascertain the welfare and whereabouts of Australians on the ground. And I again reiterate, if you are in Israel, please make sure, I'm sure everybody has, but if you haven't, please make sure you make contact with your family to assure us of your safety.

JOURNALIST: What measures are being taken to get people out of the country if they want to leave?

FOREIGN MINISTER: Well, we will deal with that as and when required, but at this stage, we are seeking to ascertain whereabouts and safety. Sorry, I can't hear you.

JOURNALIST: Is Australia providing any support for nationals fleeing Israel or Gaza?

FOREIGN MINISTER: I don't have any advice on that today, but at this stage, we are still ascertaining people's safety and whereabouts. Those are issues if required, we will deal with in coming days.

JOURNALIST: We know that the US is shifting their military posture in terms of sending some tanks over there, what's the Australian Defence Force doing? What's Australia doing in terms of helping out Israel there?

FOREIGN MINISTER: Look, when I spoke to Foreign Minister Cohen, there was no request at that stage for any assistance. Obviously, we do have ADF personnel in operation, what's called Operation Paladin, which is the peacekeeping arrangements in the region. But I reiterated to him our deep condolences and sympathy and our solidarity with Israel at this time.

JOURNALIST: And do you condemn the actions of the Palestinian supporters in Western Sydney overnight? They were protesting outside Lakemba Station.

FOREIGN MINISTER: There were also comments that were made about these tragic events. And what I'd say to all Australians: the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages is never a cause for celebration. Is there anything further? He's multitasking.

JOURNALIST: You've been criticised for tweeting, "Australia urges the exercise of restraint." Why did you say that, and do you stand by it?

FOREIGN MINISTER: I think it is always the right thing for Australia to urge restraint and the protection of civilian lives. Are people suggesting that we ought not be in any conflict calling for the protection of civilian lives? Of course we should.

JOURNALIST: In terms of those Palestinian supporters, what's your message to them about continuing this protesting that they're doing on the streets of Australia?

FOREIGN MINISTER: I would say, whatever people's views about the history of this conflict, we can never condone the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages.

And I think that is something all Australians would agree with or many Australians would agree with. And I would urge people to recall what is happening on the ground to individuals at this time.

ENDS.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Media
Sent: Monday, 9 October 2023 9:20 AM
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Cc: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: ****transcript**** Today Show - Wong.docx [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Attachments: 231009 Today Show - Wong.docx

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For your consideration, please see the attached transcript of Minister Wong on Channel 9 this morning.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director, Media Liaison Section
Communications Branch | Executive Division

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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From: Media
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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: **FMO information** Israel response provided to s 47F(1) / SCA and s 47F(1) / ABC [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: RE: [EXTERNAL] Israel Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]; RE: [EXTERNAL] Media request - Israel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For FMO information, we provided the below FMO-cleared response on Israel to the following journalists earlier today:

s 47F(1) / SCA
s 47F(1) / ABC

I've attached the responses for reference.

We are now holding on providing this to anyone else as consular division is seeking updates from Post.

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Media
Subject: RE: **FMO clearance** multiple outlets / Israel conflict [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Subject: **FMO clearance** multiple outlets / Israel conflict [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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MEDIA ENQUIRY FOR FMO CLEARANCE

JOURNALIST DEADLINE: various (earliest is 4:30pm – managed)

JOURNALIST/OUTLET: Multiple

DFAT POC: Alan Copeland, Assistant Secretary - Crisis Preparedness & Management Branch, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Grateful FMO clearance for the below to go to the following journalists regarding the conflict in Israel and Palestine. Their enquiries are attached for reference.

s 47F(1) / 2GB

s 47F(1) / SBS

s 47F(1) / Seven

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s 47F(1) from ABC (request attached) also requested an interview with HOM which we will politely decline and instead issue the below response.

s47E(d), s 47C(1)

s47E(d), s 47C(1)

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Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: **FMO only background** multiple outlets / Israel conflict [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear FMO colleagues

FMO only background below.

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s47E(d), s 47C(1)

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Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 47F(1) i@Seven.com.au >
Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 1:32 PM
To: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] URGENT STATEMENT ON ISRAEL

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: 7NEWS Query: Israeli Assistance [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Will do. s 47F(1) also emailed MLS and is on the list to receive a response. His deadline has been managed by us, but as per s 22(1)(a)(ii) message on Signal, we will still endeavour to get a draft response to you around 4pm in order to meet s 47F(1) 4:30 deadline.

For information, we currently have enquiries from:

s 47F(1) / 2GB
s 47F(1) / SBS
s 47F(1) / Seven
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Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 2:46 PM
To: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FW: 7NEWS Query: Israeli Assistance [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hello,

Can you please add s 47F(1) o the list for a DFAT response?

Thanks,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47F(1) @Seven.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 1:50 PM
To: s 47E(d)
Cc: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: 7NEWS Query: Israeli Assistance

Afternoon team,
s 47G(1)(a)

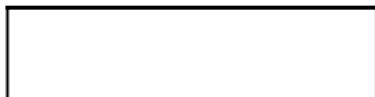
Cheers

s 47F(1)

Reporter | 7NEWS Perth

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@ 1w


Sun, 8 Oct

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Good morning FMO colleagues,
we have started to receive
requests for info and HOM
interviews in Israel. MAD advice is
to politely decline interviews. We
plan to collect a list of any further
requests and send to you for vis
later today.

10:49 am 

Update - we will prepare a
combined statement response
incorporating CCD and MAD and
send to all enquiries. We will have
this to you to clear soon after
4pm to make 4.30 ch7 deadline if
possible. Many thanks

2:50 pm 

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1:47



DFAT - FMO media and com...

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possible. Many thanks
Sun, 8 Oct

2:50 pm



s22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi FMO colleagues - Israel
response with you now for
clearance

4:28 pm



Hi ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} - just chasing one final
clearance, ^{s 47F(1)}
thankyou

7:11 pm
9:11 pm



Message



1:48



DFAT - FMO media and com...

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Mon, 9 Oct

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

FM is standing up at 6.30 at Melbourne airport - can we please get a transcript? 6:02 am

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi - just checking in on the transcript. Do we have an ETA? Thank uou 8:58 am

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi Caitlin, we've just received it back from Stream and you will have it shortly 9:01 am

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Melbourne Airport.m4a



0:00

9:26 am

Sorry I should have sent this earlier - in case it helps with questions 9:26 am

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Message



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Ciara Spencer](#); [Craig Maclachlan](#); [Ridwaan Jadwat](#); [Travel Advice](#); [Warren Macilwain](#); [Alan Copeland](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - planning change to intra country level for Israel and OPTs travel advice [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Sunday, 8 October 2023 5:08:36 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Excellent. Thanks, will confirm when update published, and advise s 22(1)(a)(ii) by phone.

Cheers
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks for letting us know - noted. Could you please let s 22(1)(a)(ii) know on the phone s 22(1)(a)(ii) know when it is done.

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Hi

Just left you a voice message regarding change the Israel & OPT travel advice.

I was calling to alert you to CCD plans to update the travel advice, which will raise the level of the advice in the Gaza border region to 4/4 'Do not travel' (currently 3/4 'Reconsider your need to travel'). Highlighted below in yellow. FAS CCD is the delegate for intra country level changes. Just wanted to bring this to your attention for FM/FMO awareness. Draft text of just this level change for this level is also below.

Currently, Israel & OPT is currently Exercise a high degree of caution overall due to civil unrest and the threat of terrorist attack, rocket fire and military confrontation (Level 2/4).

- There are four higher intra country levels:
 - **Do not travel** to Gaza to the dangerous and uncertain security situation (Level 4/4)
 - **Reconsider your need to travel** to the West Bank, including Bethlehem, Jericho and Ramallah (Level 3/4)
 - **Reconsider your need to travel** to all parts of Golan Heights east of Route 98, due to the threat of terrorist attack and the activities of militants on the other side of the border (Level 3/4)
 - **Reconsider your need to travel** to areas near the border with Gaza due to the threat of rocket attack and spill over from civil unrest along the Israel-Gaza border (level 3/4).

Also, flagging the possibility of an increase of the overall country TA level is being considered as well. s 47C(1)

We'll update you plans/approach tomorrow on this, based on any further developments/escalation overnight.

Happy to discuss. My mobile is in my signature block below.

Latest update	Latest update <u>We continue to advise do not travel to Gaza due to the dangerous and uncertain security situation. We now also advise do not travel to areas near the border with Gaza due to</u> ongoing armed conflict. Rockets have been fired at Israel from Gaza. There have been separate terror attacks on civilians. Monitor local media and public safety information updates through the National Emergency Portal (accessible in Israel only). If you're in Gaza,
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	<p>be aware of your surroundings, and review your personal security plans. Monitor your own organisation's security contacts for information about changing security conditions and alerts to seek shelter. If you need emergency consular assistance, contact the Australian Government's Consular Emergency Centre on +61 2 6261 3305. We may not be able to provide consular help in Gaza. See 'Safety'. Some flights out of Israel have been delayed or cancelled. See 'Travel'.</p>
<p>Advice Level</p>	<p>Do not travel to areas near the border with Gaza.</p> <p>Do not travel to areas near the border with Gaza, due to the dangerous and uncertain security situation.</p> <p>!</p>
<p>Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's ongoing armed conflict in Southern Israel and Gaza. Rockets have been fired at Israel from Gaza. There have been separate terror attacks on civilians. • Do not travel to areas near the border with Gaza due to ongoing armed conflict. Follow the advice of local authorities. The Israel Defense Force has declared an area of 80km around Gaza as an operational zone. • Monitor local media and public safety information updates through the National Emergency Portal (accessible in Israel only). • If you're in Gaza, be aware of your surroundings and review your personal security plans. Monitor local media (including social media), UN alerts, and your own organisation's security contacts for information about changing security contacts and alerts to seek shelter. If possible to leave, carefully consider the safest means. We may not be able to provide consular help in Gaza. • If you need emergency consular assistance, contact the Australian Government's Consular Emergency Centre on +61 2 6261 3305. • Israel is a target for terrorism, rocket fire and military confrontation. Terrorist attacks could happen at any time or anywhere. Always be alert. Have an exit plan. Tension and security risks exist close to Israel's borders with Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. Rocket attacks and military activity are threats. • Security in the West Bank is unpredictable. This includes Nablus, Jenin, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho and Ramallah. Tensions are high. Violence occurs. Take care around West Bank checkpoints. If you're in the West Bank during military action or civil unrest, stay in a safe place indoors and away from windows. Take care when visiting the Old City in Jerusalem. Monitor media for the latest update. Transportation and other services could be affected. <p>Full travel advice: Safety</p>
<p>Full advice -</p>	<p>There's ongoing armed conflict in Southern Israel and Gaza. Rockets have been fired at Israel from Gaza. There have been separate terror attacks on civilians.</p>

safety

Do not travel to areas near the border with Gaza due to ongoing armed conflict. Follow the advice of local authorities. The Israel Defense Force has declared an area of 80km around Gaza as an operational zone.

Monitor local media and public safety information updates through the [National Emergency Portal](#) (accessible in Israel only).

If you're in Gaza, be aware of your surroundings and review your personal security plans. Monitor local media (including social media), UN alerts, and your own organisation's security contacts for information about changing security conditions and alerts to seek shelter. If possible to leave, carefully consider the safest means.

If you need emergency consular assistance, contact the Australian Government's Consular Emergency Centre on +61 2 6261 3305. We may not be able to provide consular help in Gaza.

The security situation in the region remains unpredictable and could deteriorate with little or no warning.

Airports can pause operations at times of security concern. You should reconfirm arrangements before flying.

Cheers

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Israel under attack: Terrorists infiltrate from Gaza amid massive rocket barrag...

www.haaretz.com

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2023-10-07/ty-article-live/israel-under-attack-terrorists-infiltrate-from-gaza-amid-massive-rocket-barrages/0000018b-088b-dae9-adcb-abbff50f0000>

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

HOM has tweeted

<https://x.com/ausambisrael/status/1710523942920655286?s=46&t=MbIKRp7qK8pBSS5qxsMjRg>

4:31 pm



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks

I just got the GWO

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Thanks ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} - I just got the GWO email too.

s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(a)(iii)

Thanks ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} - will flag 4:32 pm

s 33(a)(iii)

Thanks for letting me know - really appreciate it 4:37 pm

All good 4:41 pm



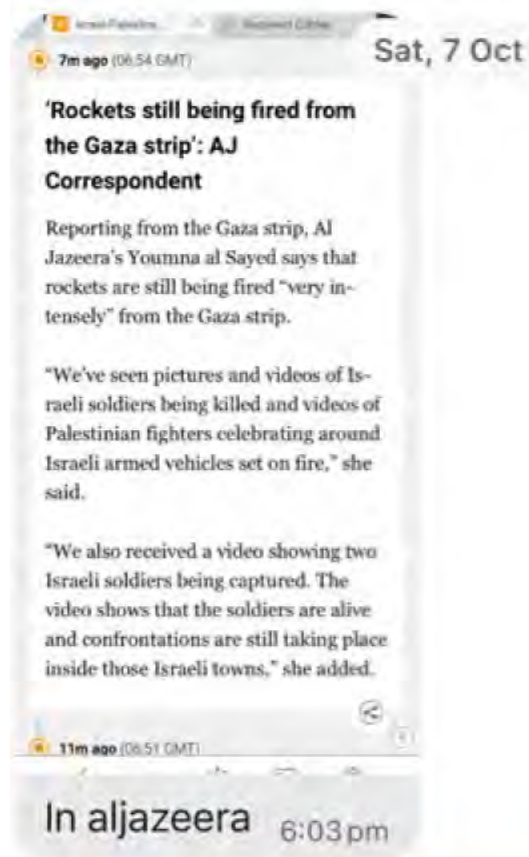
s 33(a)(iii)

📞 Outgoing voice call - 5:33 pm

📞 Incoming voice call - 5:45 pm

Call Back





Yeah when I chatted to [redacted] before it was already over 100

Have a draft tweet with others for quick comment and TPs look very close 6:04 pm

Over 100 what? 6:04 pm

Rockets fired so far 6:04 pm

I was looking at two Israeli soldiers

I was looking at two Israeli soldiers captured 6:04 pm

I hadn't read that far down yet! Yes, we'd heard about one

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

Yes he messaged me

How is post going? They all ok? 6:06 pm

Yep all seem fine.

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

About to ring in Ramallah

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

6:07 pm



Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) - have MLs and the DFAT social media team seen the tweet? 6:16 pm

You know what I sent it to social

Sat, 7 Oct

You know what I sent it to social media team but forgot to wait for their response. But they said a CC would be fine and we were on to just send it off if we wanted

6:17 pm

Incoming voice call - 6:17 pm

Call Back

Have sent slightly updated tweet now having heard from socmed right after sending. But just noticed an 's' missing from the end of recognise in the second line, which you had better add. Thanks!

6:31 pm


Australia is deeply concerned by the escalating violence in Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

We condemn the latest attacks against Israel and respect Israel's right to defend itself.


s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

Sat, 7 Oct

How about this? 6:32 pm

Did you see the email? 6:32 pm 

Yes - this was from our media team
between your emails 6:33 pm

 Outgoing voice call - 6:33 pm

[Call Again](#)

Australia unequivocally condemns
today's attacks against Israel.

We recognise Israel's right to defend
itself against terrorism, including
indiscriminate rocket fire on Israeli
cities.

Or this? 6:38 pm

6:38 pm

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s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

Can you put proposed text? 6:39 pm

Australia condemns unequivocally today's shocking attacks against Israel.

We recognise Israel's right to defend itself against terrorism, including the infiltration of militants into Israel and indiscriminate rocket fire on Israeli cities.

Our thoughts are with all those affected.

6:43 pm 

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

There are reports of 30 odd Israelis taken hostage etc.

6:47 pm

Bad 6:48 pm

When will we get cable?

On exactly what is happening? 6:52 pm

They were still working on it 20 mins ago. Things keep happening

I can urge them to draw a line under it and send if you want

6:52 pm

Cable will be ready in 20 mins

Sat, 7 Oct

Cable will be ready in 20 mins
(situation keeps changing) 6:58 pm

It's still very early in Europe (and middle of night in the americas) so not many tweets from like minded FMs yet but the German FM just tweeted

<https://x.com/abaerbock/status/1710564652860449199?s=46&t=MbIKRp7qK8pBSS5qxsMjRg>

7:08 pm

Can you send me a photo/link?

s 33(a)(iii)

You can click translate 7:08 pm

Translate isn't working 7:08 pm

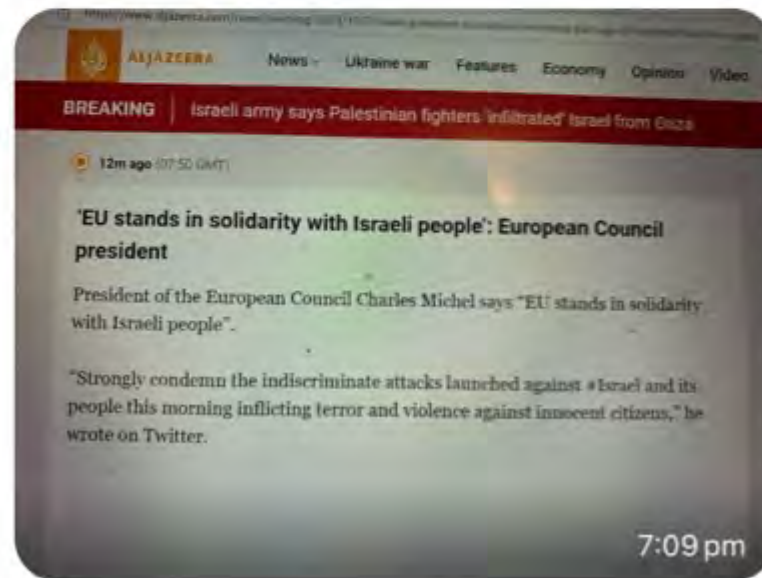
(Sorry I don't know how to screen shot on work phone!) 7:08 pm



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(Sorry I don't know how to screen
shot on work phone!)

7:08 pm



7:09 pm



7:10 pm

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This message was deleted.

7:10 pm

Can you let me know when cable incoming?

7:17 pm

Sure

Hopefully soon

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I unequivocally condemn the attack carried out by Hamas terrorists against Israel.

It is terrorism in its most despicable form.

Israel has the right to defend itself against such heinous attacks. 7:19 pm 

Cable sent 7:26 pm

He's app Sat, 7 Oct mailed it but I still don't have it. Will forward when it lands 7:31 pm

Sent by email now 7:36 pm

Photo was great thanks 7:36 pm

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) will have the phone so let me know if you need anything at all. Call or message any time 7:38 pm

Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Incoming voice call · 12:49 pm

Incoming voice call · 1:09 pm

Missed voice call · 3:12 pm

Call Back

Someone will take a look at the table shortly. I'm just on a call 3:37 pm

Someone will take a look at the table shortly. I'll call

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3:37 pm

Thanks if they can do asap

3:38 pm

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

in that table there are two tweets that don't have the exact language from the tweet - could you or your team add it in?

5:12 pm

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

doing it now

5:20 pm



Any issues with the statements and Hom/Hop tweets being part of a public-facing document?

5:28 pm

I don't think so. What are you doing with the document? I've been wondering

5:30 pm

Thanks - I put it in an email, so perhaps come back there

5:31 pm

Outgoing voice call - 5:35 pm


Call Again



Sun, 8 Oct

Did you see Anna's msg? 7:01 pm

Yeah well do something quick

7:02 pm 

Can you let her know 7:02 pm

Confirming Anna also wants someone on standby if need for convo from 7.45. Could you check in with Ridwaan - I imagine he would do it, or you

7:21 pm

I can do it if she needs. Sorry, didn't see this till now


7:54 pm 

s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

asked me to ask again about the document. Could you check with Ridwaan?

7:55 pm

Good! 7:55 pm 

Let me know what you both think?

7:56 pm



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7:56 pm

I think it's fine if you want to

But I'll ask ridwaan 7:56 pm

He's ok with it

s 47E(d)

s 47E(d)

8:02 pm

Incoming voice call · 8:04 pm

Call Back

I spoke to Ridwaan and he supported the reference. If you want to talk to him about it - speak now. 8:45 pm

All good 8:52 pm

Don't send yet

s 47E(d)

Will ask Anna to resend 9:06 pm

Incoming voice call · 9:06 pm

Call Back



s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

Comfortable with this?

7:21 pm

s 47C(1)

s 47C(1)



7:41 pm ✓✓

? 7:41 pm

Better? 7:41 pm

Yes 7:41 pm ✓✓

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Ralph King



6:45 am ✓✓

Message

Save Contact



[Missed voice call at 8:34 pm](#)



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s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

Not aware of that - will need to check with team

6:27 am

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



6:44 am

Send Message

You declined a voice call · 12:44 pm

Call Back

On the table of statements - Is there any issues if the list of statements and tweets is in a public facing document (without the information on the representations)

the information on the representations)

4:09 pm

I don't believe so - did s 22(1)(a)(ii) send to you?

4:17 pm

Yes - will send it back once I tweak a little to confirm

4:20 pm

Would you be able to give me a quick



Message



9:07

4G 80%

85



s 22(1)(a)(ii)



s 47C(1)

s 47C(1)

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

4:30



Ridwaan Jadwat



the information on the representations)

4:09 pm

4:34 PM

I don't believe so - did James send to

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1), s 33(b)

4:41 PM

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

➔ *Forwarded*

Thanks for letting me know

4:41 PM

➔ *Forwarded*

Sounds good thank you

4:41 PM

s 47C(1)

s 47C(1)

Or

s 47C(1)

s 47C(1)

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)



➔ *Forwarded*

Australia unequivocally condemns today's attacks on Israelis including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians.

civilians.

We call for it to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.

Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.

4:41 PM

➤ *Forwarded*

Comfortable with this?

4:41 PM

➤ *Forwarded*

Australia unequivocally condemns today's attacks on Israel, launched by Hamas, including indiscriminate

Australia unequivocally condemns today's attacks on Israel, launched by Hamas, including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians.

We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.

Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.

4:41 PM



4:41 PM

➔ Forwarded

?

4:41 PM

➔ Forwarded

Better?

4:41 PM

Yes

4:41 PM

Hi - just checking if all makes sense -
messages from ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} on fmo to me

4:42 PM