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Press Release: Violence at Masjid Al-Aqsa

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The current scenes from Masjid Al-Aqsa are both alarming and distressful, following Israeli forces storming the holy site during the blessed month of Ramadhan. Tear gas, stun grenades, rubber bullets were used not only outside of the Mosque but also thrown within the place of worship where worshippers sought refuge. Images and videos circulating online show blatant and continuous disregard by the Israeli forces for the sanctity of human lives.

The actions follow a week of protests against the forced eviction and removal of innocent families in the Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighbourhoods of East Jerusalem.

We call for an immediate cessation of violence and for Israel to stop all forced evictions. We implore the UK government to condemn these illegal actions and that the rights of the Palestinians be upheld and regard for the third holiest site in Islam.

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