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PRESS RELEASE – Israel-Palestine Conflict

UMO is appalled at the tragic loss of all innocent lives, we make it clear that killing of civilians can never be excused or justified. We are deeply saddened by the escalating conflict in the Middle East and call for an immediate end to all attacks.

The siege of Gaza, depriving its 2 million population of basic necessities such as food, water and electricity has endangered the civilian lives. Such actions are illegal under the International Law and constitutes a collective punishment against the population of Gaza.

UK and USA Governments have a historic duty to ensure that UN Security Council resolutions are implemented in full. Only with the full withdrawal from the occupied land and the establishment of an independent and a viable State of Palestine will peace prevail.

Over 75 years, Palestinians have endured the dispossession and occupation of their land by Israel. They suffer from a system of apartheid which has been documented by all leading International Rights organisations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. This should no longer be acceptable by the World Community.

Finally, it is crucial that we do not allow these tensions to affect our communities here in Walsall or anywhere in UK. We call upon all faith communities to stand together and protect each other against any hatred and provocation.

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