

For the past three days, Israel has faced an unprecedented surprise attack by Hamas forces who infiltrated from Gaza into the surrounding communities and launched a brutal and shocking campaign of murdering and kidnapping civilians and soldiers. In response, Israel has launched offensive air strikes on Gaza, killing hundreds, the vast majority of whom are civilians. All of this violence amounts to war crimes, and we strongly condemn all breaches of international and humanitarian law - from any and all sides.

Our hearts are with all of the victims and their families. The situation is still unclear and unfolding, but the difficult questions are already beginning to be asked, and rightly so. What is painfully clear is that this extreme right-wing settler government is showing their inability to keep anyone safe. A government that since its formation has only focused on itself and their agenda to occupy and annex the West Bank, appease those who stand in their way, and entrench the separation of Israelis and Palestinians. We as a community cannot detach ourselves from the extremism and incitement that this government has been promoting since it formed, and the result is the biggest security failure that the State of Israel has ever known. For the sake of every Israeli and Palestinian life - it must go.

For us and our movement, this is a crucial moment where we must all dig deep to find our resolve to move ahead together. This is not a time for revenge, or collective punishment of the innocent. The only solution is ending the occupation.

We call for non-violence, a renewed sense of humanity, and better days ahead for all of our children.

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