



Statement by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Tor Wennesland, on the Situation in Gaza

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“Every day civilians continue to bear the brunt of this conflict amidst horror, displacement and endless suffering.

The cost in lives of this war is evident with every passing day as we have witnessed yet another devastating strike on a school sheltering thousands of displaced Palestinians, with dozens of fatalities.

I am encouraged by the perseverance of the leaders of the United States, Egypt, and Qatar as mediators and their call on both sides to conclude the ceasefire and hostages release deal.

I urge all parties to prioritize the protection of civilians, conclude a deal for a ceasefire and the release of hostages in Gaza and implement its provisions without delay or condition in line with UN Security Council resolution 2735.

The United Nations is committed to supporting all efforts towards this goal. An end to this nightmare is long overdue.”

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