



**Statement by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Tor Wennesland, on Beit Lahia - Northern Gaza**

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"Another appalling incident in Beit Lahia – northern Gaza early this morning when Israeli forces struck a building there, leaving at least 90 Palestinians killed or missing, including at least 25 children, according to preliminary figures from the Ministry of Health in Gaza.

This horrific strike is yet another in a deadly series of recent mass casualty incidents, alongside a massive displacement campaign, in the north of Gaza that raises serious concerns about violations of international humanitarian law.

I unequivocally condemn the widespread killing and injury of civilians in Gaza, and the endless displacement of the population in Gaza.

I call on all parties to abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law.

We need a ceasefire now and the hostages held by Hamas in Gaza must be released now.

This endless spiral of death and destruction must end immediately."

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