



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

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“In recent days, I have engaged in critical discussions with the relevant parties and member states in the region, including Lebanon, Egypt and Qatar, in support of regional de-escalation.

I underscored the urgency of addressing the growing risk of a serious escalation, which poses a substantial threat to regional stability. We examined the ongoing efforts to mediate and de-escalate the situation and explored ways to prevent a spillover of the conflict.

I reaffirmed the necessity of urgent, coordinated action to prevent further deterioration of the situation.

It is crucial that we act decisively and collectively to address the immediate threats and lay the groundwork for a lasting peace.

I will continue my active engagement with all the relevant parties to support peace and stability in the region.”

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