

Statement by the Secretary-General regarding attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran targeting Israel

I strongly condemn the serious escalation represented by the large-scale attack launched on Israel by the Islamic Republic of Iran this evening. I call for an immediate cessation of these hostilities.

I am deeply alarmed about the very real danger of a devastating region-wide escalation. I urge all parties to exercise maximum restraint to avoid any action that could lead to major military confrontations on multiple fronts in the Middle East.

I have repeatedly stressed that neither the region nor the world can afford another war.

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