



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

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“Five months have passed since the acts of terror by Hamas in Israel, including the kidnapping of over 250 people, and the onset of hostilities in Gaza.

These have been five months of suffering and pain. Too many lives have been lost, too many families have been left in agony.

We need an end to this misery now - one that will lead to the immediate release of all remaining Israeli hostages and a ceasefire that will enable a scale-up of critical humanitarian assistance to reach all Palestinians in desperate need in Gaza.”

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