



**SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**STATEMENT  
ON ATTACKS BY THE TERRORIST ORGANISATION HAMAS AGAINST THE  
STATE OF ISRAEL**

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Vilnius

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

*deeply shocked* by the recent rocket strikes on the territory between the State of Israel and the Gaza Strip, leading, among other things, to civilian casualties,

*expressing* its sincere condolences to the families and close ones of the victims,

**regrets** the fact that both sides have launched military operations, which might make the situation unpredictable;

**expresses its concern over** the ominous escalation of the situation between Israelis and Palestinians as since 10 May 2021 the terrorist organisation Hamas, backed by the Iranian ayatollah regime, has launched hundreds of rockets from the Gaza Strip, which is only 70 kilometres away from Tel Aviv, into almost every Israeli city;

**condemns** the rocket attacks deliberately targeted by the terrorist organisation Hamas against the civilian population of Israel;

**notes** that the State of Israel, where various nationalities live in democracy, has the right to defend itself against any attack or terror aimed exclusively at the civilian population;

**calls on** the international community to exercise its political leverage to force the terrorist organisation Hamas to cease the violence and killings of Israeli civilians;

**reminds** that the Iran-backed Islamist movement Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, has been recognised as a terrorist organisation by the European Union;

**invites** Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to resolve the conflict peacefully at the negotiating table in good faith and mutual respect; political, religious and community leaders on both sides should, without delay, make every responsible effort to put an end to bloodshed.

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