



## ALDA expresses deep concerns about tragic events currently unfolding in the Middle East.

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As ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy, and in alignment with our core values and unwavering commitment to human rights, we wish to express our deep regret for the tragic events currently unfolding in the Middle East.

ALDA deplores the loss of civilian lives on both sides, Israeli and Palestinian.

We condemn all attacks on civilians that lead to loss of life, denial of essential supplies, and the violation of their fundamental rights to safety and human dignity within their homes, irrespective of their religion, nationality, age, or gender.

We believe that an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages are imperative to stop the cycle of violence and to allow the creation of humanitarian corridors in accordance with international humanitarian laws.

At this juncture, the primary objective should be to prevent further escalation of the conflict and swiftly foster a peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians, with the support of international institutions.

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In this regard we call on European countries and the EU to take a stronger role in diplomatic efforts to achieve an agreement and a lasting sustainable peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

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