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Thursday, May 13, 2021

The Honorable
Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Leader McConnell:

We write to you to urge immediate attention concerning the action and support that the nation of Israel requires of the United States in their dire time of conflict with Palestinian regimes including Hamas, the extremist terrorist organization under the leadership of Ismail Haniya, and the Palestinian Authority, under the leadership of Mahmoud Abbas. This escalation is receiving negligible action from the Biden Administration, and it is our intention to escalate urgency and attention to this matter as the hour demands it of the US, Israel's most loyal and advantageous ally.

The incomprehensible and ongoing attacks stemmed from a conflict in the mixed Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheik Jarrah, involving legally acquired real estate by Jewish families. The Palestinian tenants involved in the real estate altercation refused to allow the new home owners access to their newly purchased properties. Thus, the Jewish home owners rendered legal actions to remove the Palestinian squatters. When Israel's Supreme Court reached a verdict in favor of the Jewish property owners, the Israel Police accompanied the individuals attempting to gain access to their homes. The attempted and legal occupation of these properties by the Jewish families not only resulted in Palestinian resistance and accusations of eviction, which is untrue, but additionally surfaced a direct threat from Hamas stating that if the Palestinians were further forced to leave these properties, they would begin firing rockets at Israel. As a result of continued legal action in the Sheik Jarrah suit, Hamas initiated the launching of rockets by the hundreds, targeting innocent Israeli citizens. The tidal wave created by this false humanitarian narrative has been adopted by MSM outlets worldwide; therefore, Israeli and Jewish individuals in the United States and abroad are now being targeted with anti-semitic sentiment in addition to the terror wreaking havoc in Israel. Pair the timing of this week's events and the Biden Administration's recent allocation of hundreds of millions of US tax dollars making way into the hands of the PA and UNRWA to fund, in greater part, the very attacks the world is witnessing, and we have a breach of our national interests and our ally, Israel's interests — overnight.



As of this morning, Israel has intercepted over 1,500 rockets, with multiple missed targets by the Iron Dome, resulting in deaths of innocent Israelis. In addition to the southern border of Israel, these unprecedented attacks span as far north as Nazareth and as far east as Jerusalem. Civilians young and old are forced to take shelter repeatedly as sirens blast hundreds of times each day and night across the nation. Furthermore, chaos is ensuing in the streets of Israel from the backlash and rioting of Palestinian-Israeli citizens, creating a civilian battle within her own borders.

Without ensuring security and lowering tensions in Middle East, the US effectively welcomes heightened threats to our National Security, both within our borders and abroad.

We seek the following objectives to restore peace to Israel and Gaza effectively and urgently:

1. Stop payment going to Palestinians immediately to cut funding of weaponry and militia operations advancing these attacks.
2. Secure emergency US financial allocation to Israel's Defense Force, ensuring law and order in Israel and in the Middle East.
3. Coordinate the policies of the parties involved and mediate a path forward for mutual accord.
4. Ensure that Israel maintains US support of deterrent force measures and IDF engagement if tensions with Palestinian terrorist regimes continue escalation.
5. Leverage Israel's alliance and tradition of partnership with the US to combat terrorism in the Middle East and beyond.
6. Elevate transparent and true reporting about the harrowing conflict Israel faces in the Middle East, and aim to end false narratives that are globally and domestically affecting the Jewish people and a rise in anti-semitism.
7. Encourage colleagues and the Biden Administration to consider the ripple of effects facing our National interests if Israel is isolated from US support, paired with the actions aforementioned.



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As committed friends of the Jewish State, it is our desire that the fervent consideration of the contents of this letter result in expedient bilateral engagement and action with Israel, our Democratic ally and representation in the terror-stricken Middle East. The lives of countless innocent civilians on both sides of this conflict are beckoning our readying assistance. If we fail the call at this hour, darker days are ahead not only for Israel, but for the United States of America and her people. Our National Security and that of our bordering allies, Mexico and Canada, depends on a neutralized region in and around the nation of Israel. We uplift the global balance of strength and light that our great United States of America sets forth at times such as these, engaging diplomatic resolve from this position of fortitude and mercy.

Respectfully,

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cc- The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, U.S. House of Representatives, Minority Leader.