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Subject: Re: Indonesia visit - cable background |

Fantastic. Thanks Alison.

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In drafting the briefing today I found the following background cables useful, which you may wish to digest as supplementary material in advance of or during the trip.

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s47E(d) Hamas-Israel conflict: Indonesia releases ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Chair's Statement
s22(1)(a)(ii)

s47E(d) Indonesia: Sentiment in relation to Israel-Hamas conflict
s22(1)(a)(ii)

Cheers
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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @Health.gov.au>
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Hi s22(1)()

Thanks for the call earlier.

As discussed, AMK wanted to see whether Minister Husic would be able to join her in recording a video message for the Islamic, Palestinian, and Arabic communities in Cooper.

Currently, the plan is to distribute the recorded video via whatsapp groups, but we will seek advice about FMO/PMO about distributing more widely.

I have attached a script that Wong's office has approved. I anticipate Minister Husic could say one or two lines and also give a short introduction/closing. This is currently going through PMO.

Let me know your thoughts

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CABLE - s47E(d)
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Thursday, November 23,
2023, 01:14 PM (AEDT)

Title: Indonesia: Israel-Hamas conflict - Update 20

To: Canberra

Cc: Indo-Pacific Posts, Indonesia Posts, London, Middle East Posts, Washington, Wellington

From: Jakarta (JAKT)

Sent by: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Topics: CONSULAR/Crisis Management, POLITICAL-ECONOMIC/Domestic Political, POLITICAL-ECONOMIC/International Political

Approved By: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Response: Routine, Information Only

Summary: Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement in response to the announcement of a pause in hostilities in Gaza, welcoming the pause and noting that Indonesia had consistently called for a sustainable cessation of violence in order to allow for wide access to humanitarian aid to Gaza, including aid from the Government and people of Indonesia. Indonesia said the agreement is also expected to open the door to a permanent end to the conflict and the start of serious discussions towards a comprehensive and just peace s33(a)(iii), s33(b)

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Hey s22(1)(a) – not sure where that 12 month line has come from? Haven't seen that in the stuff we have so maybe remove.

These are lines in morning pack fyi;

Australia's call for humanitarian pauses/steps towards a ceasefire

The humanitarian situation in Gaza is dire and human suffering is widespread.

Australia and many other countries have been calling for humanitarian pauses as a necessary first step, but clearly much more is needed.

We all want to see the next steps towards a ceasefire and a political process for a just and enduring peace.

But it cannot be one-sided – and Hamas is still attacking Israel, using human shields and holding more than 200 hostages.

In affirming Israel's right to defend itself after the horrific 7 October attacks by Hamas, so many countries - including Australia - emphasise that the way it does so matters.

It matters for innocent civilians, who should not pay for horrors perpetrated by Hamas.

We call on Israel to honour its commitment to uphold international law and protect innocent lives.

International humanitarian law does require the protection of hospitals, of patients and of medical staff. Israel must conduct its military operations lawfully.

The world has witnessed a harrowing number of civilian deaths, including children. This must not continue.

Hostage release deal?

Australia welcomes the agreement we have seen today in the Hamas-Israel conflict.

Australia has consistently called for the release of hostages, for humanitarian access and for the protection of civilian lives.

We see this as a necessary step towards a sustainable ceasefire, which we know cannot be one sided.

Australia has been working with countries that have influence in the region to help protect and support civilians, to help prevent conflict from spreading, and to reinforce the need for a just and enduring peace.

That long-term, enduring peace requires a two-state solution, with Israelis and Palestinians living securely and prosperously within internationally recognised borders.

Visas?

Visas are routinely provided to family members who meet eligibility criteria. That's always been the case under all governments.

Between 7 October and 20 November, 1,793 visas were granted to Israeli citizens and 860 Palestinians.

A visa does not mean people are automatically able to leave where they are.

It is very hard for people to get out of Gaza. Given the reality on the ground, the Australian Government has limited ability to assist.

That's reflected in the small number of people leaving Gaza.

So far only 127 Australian citizens, permanent residents, and family members have been able to leave Gaza.

DFAT is in direct contact with 69 Australians, permanent residents and their families who are seeking to leave Gaza.

All people who obtain Australian visas are subject to appropriate identity, security and character checks.

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Thanks again s22(1)(a)

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We welcome the temporary ceasefire and we will be glad to see hostages released – we've been calling for this from the start.

This is an important and necessary step. But what we must ultimately work towards is a long-term, enduring peace.

A long-term enduring peace requires a two-state solution, with Israelis and Palestinians living securely and prosperously within internationally-recognised borders.

If pressed on visas

860 temporary visas have been granted to Palestinians and 1800 for Israelis.

These visas are good for 12 months.

All those granted a visa are being assessed for security and character checks in the normal way before being allowed to come to Australia.

Getting a visa is different to being able to come here, getting out of Gaza is extremely difficult whether you are a visa holder or an Australian citizen.

For example, just 127 Australians, permanent residents and their families have so far been able to leave Gaza, while the government is working with another 69.

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Hi team,

As mentioned, Ed is in Jakarta today, doing Sky and ABC in a couple hours.

About to brief him ... does the below look OK to you re Gaza?

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Gaza

We welcome the temporary ceasefire and we are glad to see hostages released – we've been calling for this from the start.

But we need to see more - progress toward a permanent, durable peace and the urgent need for humanitarian assistance for Gaza.

This will not be achieved by ongoing conflict but by a political solution.

This dangerous and irresponsible approach– including the LNPs failure to deliver a capacity scheme - is one of the reasons Australia's grid could face a difficult summer.

The expanded CIS will add around 32 GW of new capacity across the country, including 9 GW of dispatchable capacity

It's already working in NSW, and being piloted in other states.

It will supercharge available power in the energy grid, delivering the long-term reliable, affordable and low-emissions energy system Australians deserve as our grid changes.

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I have just submitted the Israel meeting brief in PDMS. I am attaching it here (because I am conscious it is coming to you late and in case you want to review/ brief the Minister first thing tomorrow ahead of Parliamentary services submitting through the system).

- The brief has been cleared today (Sunday) by the head of the DFAT Israel-Hamas crisis taskforce (Paul Griffiths - Australia's former Ambassador to Israel)
- I have updated the most recent (Sunday) whole of government TPs and Sit-rep.

I will be up a APH at just before 3pm to note-take.

Please don't hesitate to call in the am if you need anything further.

Best
Alison

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES

MB23-000910

To: Minister for Industry and Science

MEETING WITH HE AMIR MAIMON, AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL

Timing: 3:15pm, Monday 23 October 2023

Meeting with: H.E. Ambassador Amir Maimon

Proposed note taker: Alison Drury, General Manager, Trade and International Branch

s 33(a)(iii)

Clearing Officer:	Alison Drury	General Manager, Trade and International Branch International, Trade and National Security Division	s22(1)(a)(ii)
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Prior meetings: You met Ambassador Maimon for an introductory meeting on 8 August 2022 s 47E(d)

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Consultation: YES DFAT Levant Desk

Attachments

- A: Discussion points
- B: Background
- C: Biography
- D: Whole of government Hamas-Israel conflict media talking points v39
- E: Hamas-Israel conflict: DFAT SITREP v32

Discussion points

- Australians have been horrified by Hamas's terrorist attacks on Israel
 - I have condemned Hamas' actions and called them abhorrent
 - such barbaric acts can never be justified
 - Hamas's actions have undermined the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people and have set back prospects for enduring peace.
- The Australian Government will continue to publicly acknowledge Israel's right to defend itself in a manner consistent with international law.
- How Israel defends itself matters and we urge you do everything possible to protect civilian life.
- We have serious concerns for the welfare of Australians who are trying to get out of Gaza
 - we request that Israel do everything possible to ensure Australians in Gaza can leave should they wish to do so
 - important too that ongoing humanitarian access is granted to Gaza as needs grow.
- We thank Israel for assistance in facilitating Australian assisted departures from Israel.
- Ask that Australians with Palestinian connections be allowed to leave Israel via Ben Gurion Airport ^{s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)}
 - and that you do all you can to allow them to depart Gaza and the West Bank should they wish.

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

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- Australia is engaging more widely to support efforts to ensure the conflict is contained
 - »welcome your assessment of regional implications were conflict to spill over.

If raised: Why does Australia continue to fund UNRWA?

- UNRWA is the only UN body with the mandate to provide relief and social services to Palestinian refugees in Gaza that role would otherwise be played by Hamas
 - by promoting UN values, Australian assistance provides an antidote to their extremist ideology.

If raised: Protest action/marches in Australia

- We recognise there are communities in Australia that are deeply affected by the conflict
 - we respect their right to protest peacefully, and we will continue to urge respect
 - we strongly condemn anyone who incites violence and hatred
 - »there is no space for antisemitism in this country and violence will not be tolerated.

Background

On Saturday 7 October Hamas and other militant groups, including the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, launched a surprise attack against Israel from Gaza. Large numbers of soldiers and civilians were taken hostage (estimated at close to 200). Both Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed to be holding a number of hostages. Some of those taken were foreign nationals – from the US, Thailand, Nepal, UK, Canada, Mexico and Germany.

The attacks prompted the government of Israel to declare a state of emergency and war. Launching 'Operation Iron Swords', Israel responded with a barrage of air strikes on targets in the Gaza strip. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) said that 2,500 Hamas militants attacked Israel, with 1,500 being killed. To date, news reports indicate 1,400 Israelis killed and 4,562 injured, 64 people in the West Bank killed and 1,300 injured, and at least 3,785 people in Gaza killed and more than 12,493 injured. Sporadic rocket fire from Gaza has continued, mainly focused on southern Israel, with a smaller number of volleys at central Israel and Tel Aviv. Israel has conducted ongoing air strikes against targets in Gaza.

s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

Biography

<p>Lt Colonel Amir <u>MAIMON</u> (retd.)</p> <p>Ambassador</p> <p>ISRAEL</p>		
	<p>Form of Address: Your Excellency</p> <p>s 33(a)(iii)</p>	
	<p>Year of Birth: 1958</p>	
	<p>Education: Bachelor's General History, Tel Aviv University</p> <p>Masters of Social Sciences, Haifa University</p>	
	<p>Twitter handle: @MaimonAmir</p>	
<p>Career:</p> <p>2022- Ambassador of Israel to Australia</p> <p>2019-2021 Instructor at the Israeli National Defense College</p> <p>2015-2019 Israeli Ambassador to Lithuania</p> <p>1989-2015 Ministry of Foreign Affairs (various roles and overseas postings)</p>		

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Talking Points

Headline messages

- The situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is highly challenging and rapidly changing
 - Australians who want to leave are strongly encouraged to take the first available option.
- Australia reiterates our call for international law to always be upheld and for the establishment of a corridor for humanitarian aid to Gaza and safe passage.
- The protection of civilians wherever they live must come first and respect for international humanitarian law is paramount.
- We continue to communicate directly with those seeking to leave Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories about departure options
 - options remain subject to the security environment.
- There are no further planned Australian Government assisted departure flights due to diminishing demand
 - DFAT and the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv can assist Australians in accessing limited commercial flight or partner flight options.
- Australia is also working closely with international partners to support Australians who want to leave the Occupied Palestinian Territories – including the West Bank
 - we are exploring departure options and providing assistance to *77 individuals in Gaza, including Australians, permanent residents and their immediate family members* who have told us they want our help to depart
 - our ability to provide assistance in Gaza remains extremely limited.
- The Australian Government's overall level of travel advice for Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is Level 3 'Reconsider your need to travel' due to the volatile security situation.
- The travel advice for the West Bank (excluding East Jerusalem) has been raised to Level 4 'Do Not Travel' due to the volatile security situation
 - Australians in the West Bank should register with DFAT.
- The travel advice for Gaza and border areas with Gaza remains Level 4 'Do not travel'.

- We also advise do not travel to border areas with Lebanon closed by Israeli authorities.
- The Australian Government's travel advice for Lebanon has been raised to Level 4 'Do Not Travel'
 - the travel advice for Lebanon was increased due to the volatile security situation and the risk of the security situation deteriorating further.
- At least 1,833 Australians have now left Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories.
- Eight Australian Government assisted flights have departed Tel Aviv.
- An Australian Government assisted departure flight carrying 97 passengers landed in Perth from Dubai on Saturday [1510 AEDT 21 October]
 - onward domestic travel has been provided to those passengers by Qantas free of charge.
- The Australian Government offers its sincere thanks to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for helping Australians return home safely.
- The UAE has shown deep commitment to facilitating Australian Government repatriations, including providing strong support for flights to move in and out of Dubai.
- The Australian Government offers its thanks to Qantas, Qatar, Virgin and Emirates airlines for their support of assisted departure flights.

Actions to Support

- Australia unequivocally condemns the Hamas attacks on Israel as abhorrent acts of terror against innocent civilians.
- Australia stands with Israel, and we recognise its right to defend itself.
- We call for the unconditional release of all hostages held in Gaza.
- We have already witnessed a devastating loss of life and innocent civilians on all sides are suffering.
- As hostilities continue, it is vitally important that international humanitarian law is respected and adhered to
 - we urge the protection of civilian lives and join with others in calling for Israel to operate by the rules of international law.
- On 14 October, Australia announced an initial \$10 million in humanitarian assistance (\$3.0 million to ICRC; \$7.0 million to UN organisations) to provide much needed essential supplies and support services for civilians affected by the conflict in Gaza.
- Australia reaffirms the call for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to enable lifesaving assistance to reach affected civilians
 - the Rafah border *crossing* opened briefly at 1015 (local time) on 21 October, allowing 20 relief aid trucks to cross into Gaza
 - with supplies to be delivered via the Palestinian Red Crescent Society
 - this is a start – enduring access, at a scale that meets the significant needs, is essential
 - *large-scale international humanitarian aid remains on standby at the border*
 - we continue to support the work of the UN, US, Egypt and others to re-open the Rafah border crossing.
- We are committed to the pursuit of peace and a just and enduring two-state solution where Palestinians and Israelis can live within secure borders.
- The atrocities committed by Hamas only push that prospect further away, undermining the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.

What is DFAT's advice to Australians in Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

- The Australian Government's overall level of travel advice for Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories is Level 3 'Reconsider your need to travel' due to the volatile security situation including the threat of terrorism, armed conflict and civil unrest
 - the travel advice for the West Bank (excluding East Jerusalem) has been raised to Level 4 'Do Not Travel' due to the volatile security situation
 - the travel advice for Gaza and border areas with Gaza remains Level 4 'Do not travel'
 - we also advise do not travel to border areas with Lebanon closed by Israeli authorities.
- Australians in Gaza and the West Bank should register with DFAT.
- Contact your family and loved ones in Australia to confirm your safety and follow the instructions of local authorities.
- Monitor media and public safety information updates including through the National Emergency Portal (accessible in Israel only).

Are assisted departure flights available?

- There are no further planned Australian Government assisted departure flights
 - DFAT and the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv can assist Australians in accessing limited commercial flight or partner flight options.
- Australians who want to leave are strongly encouraged to take the first available option.
- We continue to closely monitor the situation
 - DFAT is communicating directly with Australians registered on the Crisis Portal.

Why has the Australian Government raised the travel advice for Lebanon to 'Level 4 – Do Not Travel'?

- The travel advice for Lebanon was increased to 'Do Not Travel' due to the volatile security situation and the risk of the security situation deteriorating further.
- This advice aligns with similar elevations from the US, UK, Canada and New Zealand.
- If you are an Australian in Lebanon, you should consider leaving now, if it is safe to do so
 - commercial departure options are available
 - visit <https://smartraveller.gov.au/destinations/middle-east/lebanon>.

What assistance is Australia providing those Australians and their family members in Gaza and what support will Australia provide to Australians following their arrival in Egypt?

- We are exploring departure options and providing assistance to 77 *individuals in Gaza, including Australians, permanent residents* and their *immediate* family members who have told us they want our help to depart, including supporting international efforts to establish a safe passage corridor.
- *DFAT is in close communication with the Australians and their family members in Gaza about departure options into Egypt through the Rafah crossing.*
- *The Australian Embassy in Cairo stands ready to assist those Australians who do cross and is working with Egyptian authorities on arrangements.*

- *Departure options from Gaza remain subject to the security environment and to decisions made by border authorities about travel documentation requirements to exit Gaza or enter Egypt*
 - *our ability to ensure the departure of Australians, permanent residents and their immediate family members from Gaza is limited.*
- Australians who wish to leave Gaza and have not already registered should register via Smartraveller or call our consular emergency centre on +61 2 6261 3305
 - Australians already registered with DFAT do not need to register again.
- *Australia's travel advice for Gaza and border areas with Gaza remains Level 4 'Do not travel'.*

How else can Australians leave Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

- Australians in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories who want to leave and need assistance with departure should register via <http://crisis.dfat.gov.au/crisisportal/s/> or by calling the 24-hour Consular Emergency Centre on +61 2 6261 3305 (from overseas) or 1300 555 135 (from within Australia).
- Ben Gurion Airport remains open
 - Australians considering leaving via a border crossing should check the status of the border crossings before departure.
- Options to leave Israel may change at any time, depending on the security situation
 - we urge Australians to take the next available option to depart.
- The Australian Government continues to work on further departures for Australians requiring assistance to leave the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

What advice can you provide for Australians seeking to leave Lebanon?

- Australians who wish to leave are advised to depart through the first available commercial option as soon as they are able to do so.
- Our embassy in Beirut is actively monitoring the situation.

What assistance is offered to people in Lebanon who cannot afford to fly commercial?

- Australians are encouraged to investigate options such as seeking assistance from family and friends if needed and, for short-term travellers, support from their travel insurance provider.

What else is the Australian Government doing for Australians caught up in the crisis?

- Ensuring the safety of Australians in Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories is our priority.
- Australian government officials from DFAT and other agencies have been deployed to the region including Tel Aviv to support assisted departures.
- DFAT sends direct messages to registered Australians in Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories
 - we strongly encourage Australians to register via Smartraveller to receive updates.
- The DFAT Crisis Centre in Canberra is operating on a 24-hour basis.
- Australians travelling overseas have been advised to look after their safety due to demonstrations and unrest in countries worldwide linked to the situation in the Middle East.

Is there an update on how many Australians have been caught up in the conflict?

- There are 1,245 active registrations in Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories
 - 418 registrants have registered for information updates only.
- At least 1,833 Australians previously registered have departed Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories
 - of the registered individuals that have departed, 1,024 have returned to Australia (assisted and independently).
- DFAT is providing consular assistance to 152 Australians and their family members as a result of the conflict, including:
 - 15 individuals in Israel, 60 in the West Bank and 77 individuals in Gaza
 - and the family of one Australian who was killed in Israel.
- It is estimated there are 10,000-12,000 Australians in Israel at any given time.
- Since 14 October, eight Australian assisted flights have departed from Israel to a regional hub
 - three flights have travelled onwards and arrived in Australia
 - the Australian Government has also facilitated the travel of 44 passengers on an Emirates flight to Australia.

Is the Australian Government supporting the return of dependants of Australian officials from Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

- From 14 October, the Government has offered voluntary departures to the dependants of Australian Government staff at the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv, and the Australian Representative Office in Ramallah.
- For those that choose to depart, this is via transport options also being made available to Australian citizens.
- Consistent with our 'no double standard' principles, this information has been included in our travel advice.

What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and other governments with influence in the region.
- Foreign Minister Wong has spoken to the Israeli Foreign Minister, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister, the Lebanon Foreign Minister, UAE's Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al-Nahya, the UK Foreign Secretary, the Japanese Foreign Minister and the UN Special Coordinator to the Middle East Peace Process regarding the situation.

Will Australia condemn the strike on a hospital in Gaza, killing around 500 people, including children, as a war crime?

- This is a conflict zone and assessments are difficult.
- The US National Security Council's current assessment is that Israel is not responsible for the explosion at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.
- The strike on Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza is shocking and deeply upsetting
 - our hearts go out to the victims of this devastating incident and their families.
- Australia's position is always that the protection of civilian lives and respect for international humanitarian law is paramount
 - we condemn any indiscriminate attacks and targeting of civilian infrastructure, including hospitals.

If raised: Does Australia have a position regarding reports of military intelligence assessments suggesting the hospital bombing was due to an errant missile fired from within Gaza?

- As a matter of longstanding practice, the Australian government doesn't comment on intelligence matters.

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is grave, with 1.4 million people displaced, access to water very limited and humanitarian supplies running out.
- Life-saving humanitarian aid must continue to enter Gaza for those who need it.
- Australia is providing \$3 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross to fund urgent needs like restoring essential services and providing medical support to victims of the conflict.
- Through United Nations agencies, Australia is providing \$7 million to deliver critical support including emergency water, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene services, as well as child protection.
- Australia will continue to monitor and assess the humanitarian situation and stands ready to provide further support.

Does Australia's policy reflect double standards?

- We have made clear we call on both sides to protect civilian lives and uphold humanitarian law.
- We will continue to call for these principles to be upheld.

What sanctions measures does the Government have in place, including to restrict any assets being transferred to Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad?

- Australia has already taken action to restrict the transfer of assets to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).
- Since 2001, Australia has imposed counter-terrorism financing sanctions against Hamas and PIJ, as well as a further six entities and three persons with links to Hamas. These sanctions include asset freeze provisions.
- As listed terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code, it is an offence for Australians to acquire funds for, from or to Hamas and PIJ.

Has Australia considered sanctions in response to the conflict? Why has Australia not imposed more sanctions?

- Sanctions are just one of a suite of measures the Government can use to respond to situations of international concern.
- They are used judiciously alongside other mechanisms.
- We do not speculate about potential sanctions.

Are you aware of any sanctions the US / other countries may impose?

- Aware that on 18 October the US designated nine persons and one entity for targeted financial sanctions, in response to the attacks perpetrated by Hamas against Israeli civilians.
- Australia continues to engage regularly with international partners on the Hamas-Israel conflict.

- Sanctions imposed by the US and other countries are a matter for them
 - it would not be appropriate to comment further.

Australians fighting in the conflict

- Australians who travel to fight, who are not serving in the armed forces of a foreign country, may be committing a criminal offence.
- Hamas is a listed terrorist organisation under Australian law
 - Australians who travel to fight with a terrorist organisation, or who recruit another person to do so (including inducing, inciting or encouraging), are committing a serious criminal offence.
- If you are concerned that someone you know may be preparing to travel to fight for a terrorist organisation contact the National Security Hotline on 1800 123 400.

How can Australians assist the humanitarian situation in Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

- The most effective way to assist is to donate money to a reputable organisation with an established presence in the area.
- We recommend donating through organisations that are members of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
 - in emergencies ACFID members work with organisations who can disburse funds in responsible, effective and transparent ways.
- Australia has listed Hamas as a terrorist organisation, and it is also a designated entity subject to counter-terrorism financing sanctions under the Australian sanctions law
 - it is a criminal offence for Australian citizens or residents to fund listed terrorist organisations, either directly or indirectly.

Threats to security

- The Minister for Home Affairs has activated the National Coordination Mechanism (NCM) to ensure that Commonwealth agencies, state and territory governments are all working together to address the effects of the Hamas attacks on Israel and the continuing conflict on Australians.
- The Australian Government has full confidence in our law enforcement and national security agencies and their ability to protect Australians from threats to their safety and security.
- Members of the public who see something they are concerned about or who witness violence or threats of violence should contact the police and the National Security Hotline on 1800 123 400.

Background

On Saturday 7 October Hamas and other militant groups, including the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, launched a surprise attack against Israel from Gaza. Large numbers of soldiers and civilians were taken hostage (estimated at close to 200). Both Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed to be holding several hostages. Some of those taken were foreign nationals – from the US, Thailand, Nepal, UK, Canada, Mexico, France and Germany. Two US captives have since been released by Hamas in Gaza.

The attacks prompted the government of Israel to declare a state of emergency and war. Launching 'Operation Iron Swords', Israel responded with a barrage of air strikes on targets in the Gaza strip. To date, the UN OCHA Flash Update indicates 1,400 Israelis killed and 4,932 injured, 85 people in the West Bank killed and 1,662 injured, and at least 4,385 people in Gaza killed and more than 13,561 injured. Sporadic rocket fire from Gaza has continued. Israel has conducted ongoing strikes against targets in Gaza. Israel has also traded fire along its northern border with Lebanon's Hizballah. *The Lebanese Ministry of Public Health indicates 16 people in Lebanon killed and 25 injured.*

Several countries and international interlocutors including China, Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Thailand and the UN Secretary General have called for a ceasefire.

Australia's response

Australia's travel advice for Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories was updated on 9 October to Level 3 – Reconsider your Need for Travel (with the Level 4 Do Not Travel advisory for Gaza and border areas near Gaza being maintained). It was updated on 14 October to note that the Government had offered voluntary departures of dependents of Australian officials posted in Tel Aviv and Ramallah due to the security environment. *It was further updated on 17 October with advice not to travel to border areas with Lebanon closed by Israeli authorities.*

Australia's travel advice for Lebanon was raised to Level 4 'Do Not Travel' on 19 October due to the volatile security situation and the risk of the security situation deteriorating further.

Australia's humanitarian response

Foreign Minister Wong and Minister for International Development and the Pacific Conroy announced on 14 October that Australia would provide an initial \$10 million in humanitarian assistance for civilians affected by the conflict in Gaza. This included \$3 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross and \$7 million through UN partners.

Australian Government Assisted Departure Flights

Prime Minister Albanese announced Australian Government assisted departure flights on 11 October 2023. Since 14 October (AEDT) *eight* Australian Government flights have departed Tel Aviv.

We facilitated onward travel to Australia for Australians arriving in Dubai. Two flights landed in Sydney on chartered flights operated by Qatar (17 October) and Qantas (18 October), and a third landed in Perth (21 October). *The Australian Government also facilitated 44 passengers' travel on an Emirates flight from Dubai to Sydney.*

Australian consular officials provided assistance to 159 Pacific Islanders on Australian and third country flights. Consular officials also assisted nationals from Israel, US, Philippines, Germany, and Vietnam.

Assisted departure by bus or charter from Ramallah to Jordan

Canada coordinated an assisted departure by bus from Ramallah to Jordan that departed on Monday 16 October, with two Australians, eight New Zealanders and 21 Canadians onboard. Most registered Australians were unable to make it in time due to distance and movement restrictions. On

18 October, the Australian Government facilitated the departure of a further two Australians and one New Zealander from the West Bank to Jordan using a charter.

Australians affected

On 11 October 2023, Foreign Minister Wong announced the death of Australian woman, Ms Galit Carbone.

Strike on Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza

At roughly 4:00am Canberra time on 18 October, a blast at the Al-Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza City killed an estimated 500 people and injured hundreds more. International condemnation has been swift. Adrienne Watson, a spokeswoman for the US National Security Council said the intelligence indicated that some Palestinian fighters in the Gaza Strip believed the explosion was likely caused by an errant rocket or missile launch carried out by Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Australian sanctions - Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad

Hamas has been subject to counter-terrorism financing sanctions under Australian sanctions law since 21 December 2001, pursuant to Part 4 of COTUNA which implements Australia's obligations under UNSCR 1373. In addition to the entity listing, six entities with links to Hamas are also subject to sanctions: Beit al-Mal Holdings, Al-Aqsa Foundation, Comité de Bienfaisance et de Secours aux Palestiniens, Association de Secours Palestinien, Palestinian Relief and Development Fund, and Sanabil Association for Relief and Development. A further three persons with links to Hamas are also subject to sanctions.

Hamas in its entirety is also designated as a Terrorist Organisation under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Criminal Code) (administered by AGD) since 4 March 2022. Hamas' paramilitary wing, the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades has been designated as a Terrorist Organisation since 5 November 2003.

Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) has been subject to counter-terrorism financing sanctions under Australian sanctions law since 21 December 2001, pursuant to Part 4 of COTUNA. PIJ is also designated as a Terrorist Organisation under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Criminal Code) since 3 May 2004.

Sanctions imposed by the US

On 18 October 2023 the US designated ten members, operatives and financial facilitators for targeted financial sanctions, pursuant to Executive Order 13224. This was in response to the attacks perpetrated by Hamas against Israeli civilians on 7 October 2023, and targets financiers who help manage Hamas' investment portfolio, as well as two senior Hamas officials. This action also targets a Gaza-based virtual currency exchange, which has provided support to Hamas and other terrorist organisations, and its operator.

Handling Notes

Media Interest

These events have a high level of domestic and international interest.



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HAMAS-ISRAEL CONFLICT: DFAT SITREP v32**DFAT UPDATE:** as at 1700, 22 OCTOBER 2023**KEY UPDATES**

1. There are reports that more aid trucks will be allowed to transit Rafah crossing on Monday 23 October, following a brief opening at 1015 local time on Saturday 21 October for 20 trucks (carrying relief aid, excluding fuel). There are currently 175 trucks holding on the Egyptian side of the crossing.
2. Israel Defense Forces stated they will increase air strikes on Gaza in preparation for a ground offensive. There are reports of continuing air strikes on Gaza, and in the West Bank.
3. Casualty figures as reported in the UN OCHA Flash Update #15 on 21 October:
 - Israel: over 1,400 killed and 4,932 injured
 - West Bank: 85 killed and 1,662 injured
 - Gaza: 4,385 killed and 13,561 injured.
4. Casualty figures as reported by the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health:
 - Lebanon: 16 killed and 25 injured.
5. Contingency planning for Lebanon continues. ADF assets have been deployed to the region in preparation.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- Cairo Post is advancing plans for reception and onward transport of consular clients who cross from Gaza into Egypt via the Rafah border crossing. Australia will join likemindeds in seeking firm details from the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of arrangements to connect with citizens.
- We continue contingency planning for Lebanon, including options for assisted departure via air and sea, and prudent pre-positioning of ADF assets in the region. We are tracking actions of likemindeds.



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CONFLICT UPDATES

- An Israel Defense Forces spokesman said on Saturday that Israel plans to step up its air strikes on Gaza in preparation for a ground offensive. Media is reporting continuing air strikes on Gaza, including in the south.
- Israel Defense Forces say an air strike against the Al-Ansar mosque in the West Bank city of Jenin on early Sunday morning local time was to thwart an "imminent terror attack". Palestinian medics said that at least one person was killed.
- Separately, UNRWA reported that 13 Palestinians were killed in an IDF operation in a refugee camp in Nur Shams, in the West Bank.
- Israel said Hamas holds 210 hostages, including dozens of children.
- Social media reporting Israeli airstrikes have targeted Aleppo and Damascus airports in Syria. Both airports reportedly out of service.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES

- The United States has proposed a draft UN Security Council resolution recognising Israel's right to self defence and calling on Iran to stop sending arms to Hamas. The UN Security Council will next discuss the Israel-Hamas conflict on 24 October.
- The UN General Assembly is expected to convene for an Emergency Special Session on 25 October, as requested by the Arab Group and OIC.

CONSULAR UPDATE

- Consular information is provided in Attachment A – Consular Data Snapshot.
- The Australian Government is providing assistance to Australians and their immediate family members in Gaza who have sought assistance to depart, including exploring departure options and supporting international efforts to establish a safe passage corridor. DFAT is in close communication with all those Australians in Gaza and their families.
- Posts in Ramallah and Amman are supporting a small number of consular clients to cross from the West Bank to Jordan via the Allenby-King Hussein Bridge crossing between Sunday 22 October and Tuesday 24 October.
- There are no further planned Australian Government assisted departure flights from Tel Aviv due to diminishing demand. Post in Tel Aviv is assisting Australians onto commercial and partner-operated flights.
- Commercial flights remain available for departure from the region, including from Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beirut. Several flight cancellations and delays have been reported, particularly at



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Ben Gurion Airport. Lebanon's national carrier Middle East Airlines reportedly plans to reduce service in Beirut from next week.

- Travel advice for Lebanon was raised to Level 4: Do Not Travel (19 October). Consistent with usual practice, Australians in Lebanon are being encouraged to leave now via commercial options should they wish to do so.

HUMANITARIAN UPDATES

- UN OCHA estimates 1.4 million people are internally displaced in Gaza. UN OCHA is reporting that 42 per cent of all housing units in Gaza have been destroyed or damaged since the start of hostilities.
- The hospital system is on the brink of collapse. Over 60 per cent of primary health care facilities are closed, including due to lack of fuel. Bed occupancy in hospitals has reached 150 per cent. Hospitals are installing tents outside to accommodate the large influx of injured patients. Critical procedures are being rationed.
- Water, food and medicine are in critically short supply. UN OCHA estimated that the volume of goods delivered by the 20 trucks allowed to enter Gaza via the Rafah crossing on Saturday 21 October was equivalent to about four per cent of the daily average imports into Gaza prior to the hostilities.
- The UN and civil society actors have repeated calls for a ceasefire and humanitarian access to Gaza.
- Egypt's President el-Sisi said he had agreed with the US President to operate Rafah border "continuously" under the supervision of the United Nations and the Palestinian Red Crescent. Further UN aid trucks are expected to move through the border crossing into Gaza on Monday.
- At a USAID convened Ministerial Roundtable on 20 October, HOM Washington joined 15 donors to discuss establishment of a Rafah humanitarian corridor, delivery of humanitarian aid at scale, and concerns about overwhelming refugee flows. USAID said united diplomatic messaging would have more weight with Israeli and Egyptian governments.
- On 14 October, Australia announced an initial AUD10 million in humanitarian assistance (AUD3.0 million to ICRC; AUD7.0 million to UN organisations) that will provide much needed essential supplies and support services for civilians affected by the conflict.

POST OPERATIONS

- Crisis Response Teams are supporting operations in Tel Aviv, Beirut, Amman and Nicosia.



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ATTACHMENT A

CONSULAR DATA SNAPSHOT – point in time 1500 AEDT on 22 October 2023

PEOPLE		Change since last reported
Active registrations of Australians in Israel & the OPT	1,245	+23
Registered for information only	418	+2
Total receiving consular assistance <i>(includes support to family of one Australian who was killed in Israel)</i>	153	+40
Receiving consular assistance in Israel	15	+0
Receiving consular assistance in Gaza	77	+26
Receiving consular assistance in the West Bank	60	+14
AUSTRALIAN ASSISTED DEPARTURE FLIGHTS		
Total registered Australians departed Israel	1,833	+10
Confirmed registered Australians arrived in Australia (assisted and independently)	1,024	+110
Australian and foreign nationals departed Israel for a regional hub via Australian Govt. assisted departures	848	+0*
Of these:		
Australian nationals	606	+0*
Foreign nationals	242	+0*
<i>*Figures reconciled since last report</i>		
Australian and foreign nationals arrived in Australia via Australian Govt. assisted flights and commercial options facilitated by the Australian government	614	+0
Of these:		
Australian nationals	399	+0
Foreign nationals	215	+0

Prepared by: Crisis Centre

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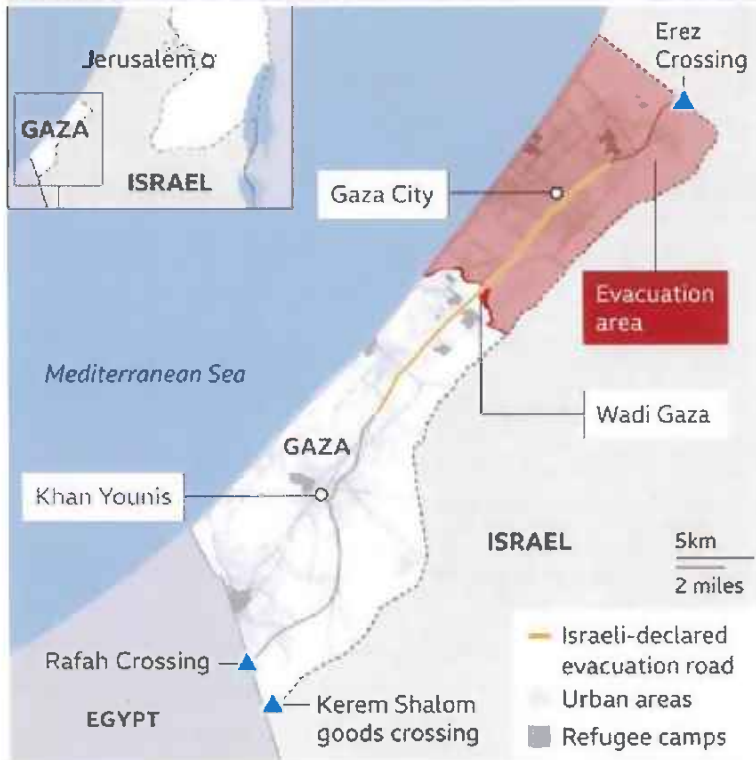
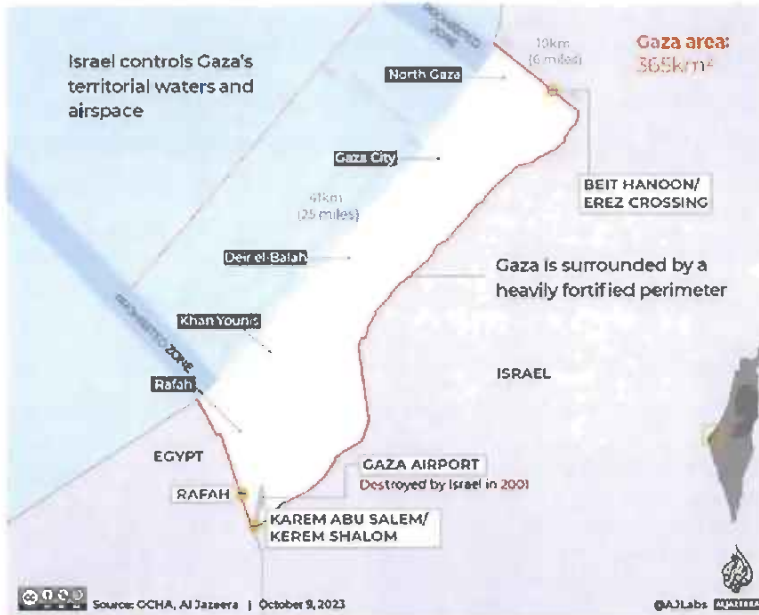
Pacific Islands nationals departed Israel for regional hub via Australian Govt. assisted departures*	159	0
Solomon Islands	79	0
Vanuatu	18	0
Samoa	21	0
Fiji	30	0
Papua New Guinea	11	0
DEPARTURES BY LAND OR SEA		
Australians departed West Bank via vehicle	5	0



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ATTACHMENT B

Maps





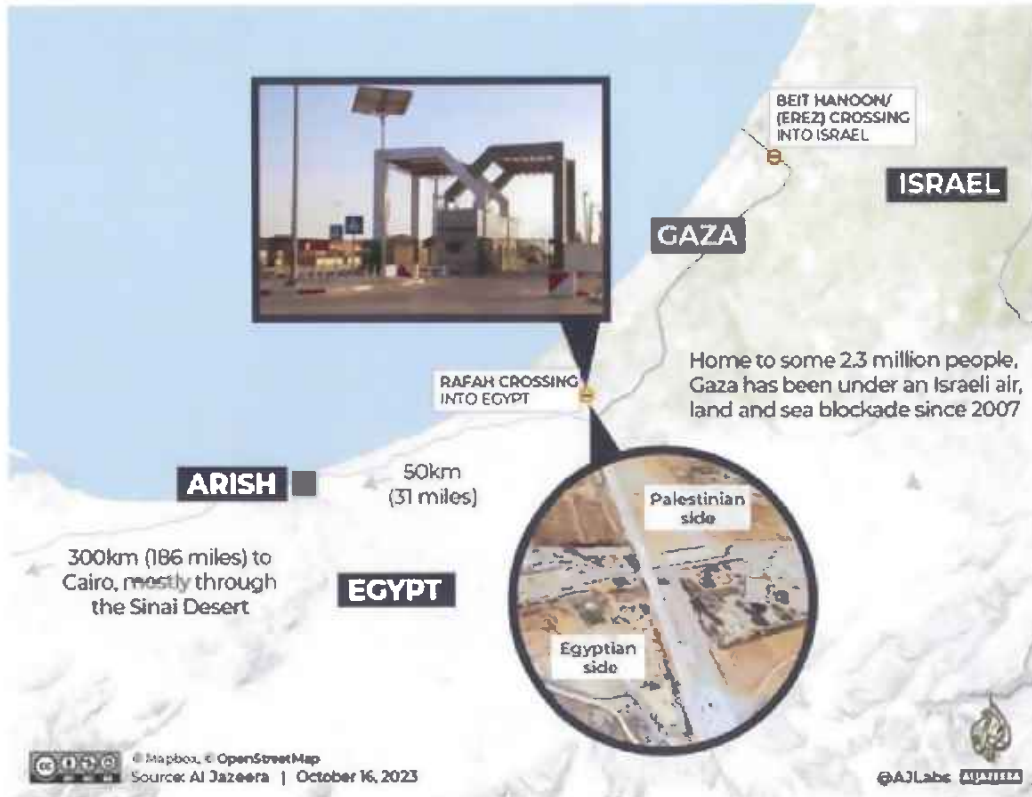
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GAZA STRIP

What is the Rafah crossing?

Located in the southern part of Gaza bordering Egypt's Sinai peninsula, the Rafah crossing is the only way to cross into Egypt and serves as a vital link between Gaza and the rest of the world.



(Al Jazeera)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2023 3:53 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) Gale, Brett; s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Hadley Interview - Guardian Liveblog [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @industry.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2023 3:50 PM
To: Gale, Brett <Brett.Gale@industry.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @industry.gov.au>;
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Subject: Hadley Interview - Guardian Liveblog [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Broadcaster **Ray Hadley** began the interview by asking if the problem for Labor is that “part of the DNA of some Labor people is to hate the Israelis”.
Dutton replied:

*Well, I think there's certainly that element to it. I mean, there's a political element to it as well because people like **Chris Bowen**, **Ed Husic** and others will be playing to their electorates.*

As [we wrote yesterday](#) this is part of an ongoing pattern of politicising the response to the Hamas attacks in Israel. The Albanese government has condemned the Hamas attacks and recognises Israel's right to defend itself.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Minister for Industry and Science

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
 Sent: Friday, 24 November 2023 5:44 AM
 To: Tim Stapleton s22(1)(a)(ii) Clare Duffield; Drury, Alison
 Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
 Subject: Re: Minister Husic's visit to Jakarta - ROC from meeting with Indonesia's Vice Foreign Minister[SEC=PROTECTED]
 Importance: Low

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Hi s21 - many thanks - we can distribute at this end. Great to have this so quickly. s22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s22 @dfat.gov.au>
 Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023 at 11:58:01 pm
 To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, s22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "Clare Duffield" <Clare.Duffield@dfat.gov.au>, "Drury, Alison" <Alison.Drury@industry.gov.au>
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 Subject: Minister Husic's visit to Jakarta - ROC from meeting with Indonesia's Vice Foreign Minister [SEC=PROTECTED]

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii) Clare and Alison

Please find attached the cleared record of conversation from Minister Husic's meeting with Indonesia's Vice Foreign Minister earlier today – with thanks to our notetakers s22(1)(a)(ii) and to s22(1)(a)(ii) for their quick turnaround. See p. 4 for discussion on Hamas-Israel conflict. s22(1)(a)(ii)/Clare – please let us know if you would like to distribute to others within DFAT or are happy to do so).

The Minister, s22(1)(a)(ii) and Alison have just departed. Cable reporting to follow, along with the ROC from the Minister's meeting with A/g Coordinating Investment Minister Erick Thohir s 33(a)(iii)

Thanks to DISR and INB for all of the support on visit preparations and on the EV Mechanism MoU, which Minister Husic signed today.

Warm regards

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Sunday, 3 December 2023 3:36 PM
To: Minister Husic; contact@edhusic.com
Subject: Email for Ed

Categories: s22(1)(a) Campaign

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Dear Ed

My name is s22(1)(a)(ii) and I spoke to you recently outside s22(1)(a)(ii)

My background is Palestinian and I'm devastated by what is happening in Gaza.

My community is hurting and the Government is not doing enough. It is essential for the international community to put pressure on Israel to stop the mass-murder of Palestinians.

Our lives matter. We are not disposable.

Israel is not acting in self defence. Israel has illegally occupied Palestine for a long time and there has been a 16 year blockade on Gaza. Israel is illegally occupying Palestinian land and does not have a right to defend itself against the people it occupies. This is the position at international law. Penny Wong and Anthony Albanese are misrepresenting the reality when they talk about self-defence. Even if Israel had a right of self-defence, what we are seeing is not self defence.

My community has lost confidence in Labor to lead on this issue. The Labor party position is wrong.

There is an opportunity for Labor to call for a permanent ceasefire. But Labor has not done so.

This genocide is similar to the genocides of Bosnia, Rwanda and East Timor.

People in power (like yourself and your colleagues) have the ability to take a stand.

Why isn't Labor calling for a ceasefire?

I haven't even yet talked about what is happening in the West Bank. Israel is guilty of so many crimes.

Please go back to your party room and tell your peers that:

- We demand a **ceasefire**
- We demand the lifting of the **siege** on Gaza
- We demand the unrestricted flow of **aid** into Gaza
- We do not have confidence in Labor to protect the interests of our community

I would love to discuss this further. My number is s22(1)(a)(ii) or you can contact me by return email.

Regards
s22(1)(a)(ii)

s47F(1)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2023 11:06 PM
To: Minister Husic
Subject: s47F(1) on Gaza

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Dear Minister

Thank you for being a rare Labor voice for a humanitarian position on the genocide in Gaza. I am a political animal, though cannot fathom why our Government, your PM and Foreign Minister, plus the majority of your and my party remain silent and mealy mouthed about the slaughter of innocent Palestinians.

I know you will be on the receiving end of deep criticism and no doubt open hostility, possible hate mail, though please know you speak for so many of us who remain stunned by the majority who are flagrantly on the wrong side of decency, compassion, and also world history. Israel's vengeful and illegal response to the horrors of Oct 7 cannot be undone. A permanent ceasefire and full throttle negotiations on a 2 state solution is just the beginning. As a nation and a world we need to dial up the truth telling on the plight of Palestinians. It's a heavily censored history as you know well.

Thank you deeply and all power to you.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent from my iPad

s22(1)(a)(ii), s47F(1)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 3 November 2023 1:51 PM
To: senator.wong@aph.gov.au; Minister Husic
Subject: s47F(1)

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Dear Senator Wong and Minister Husic,

This is my sixth email to Senator Wong and my first to you, Minister Husic. I thank you, Minister Husic, for your calls for a ceasefire, and want to express my strongest support for this position. I will not tire of emailing you while this madness is on-going, and Australia rightfully condemns the war crimes being committed by Israel on a continuing basis. Hospitals in Gaza are on the brink of having to shut down ventilators, incubators and dialysis machines due to power failure. Hundreds of people will die, including new born babies. Refugee camps have been bombed, thousands upon thousands of children have died, millions of civilians have been forcibly displaced, food and water have been cut off, as well as aid and medical supplies.

Australia **must** withdraw financial, military and diplomatic support to Israel until it stops committing these war crimes. We must condemn this brutality in unequivocal terms on the global stage, and demand that Israel's self defence strictly abides by international law. Hamas' attacks on Israel were horrendous. Nothing can justify them, but they certainly do not justify Israel's subsequent violent and indiscriminate attacks on the Palestinian civilian population, which show no sign of slowing down. This response is not proportionate, it is not within the rule of international humanitarian law, and it cannot be that Israel's self defence relies on the obliteration of a civilian population. I find it incredibly difficult to imagine that public support will last for this war, where victims have turned aggressors, and the immense civilian suffering caused by their violent and indiscriminate retaliation is on full display for the world to see.

Australia must call for a permanent ceasefire, and I urge you to do this immediately before even more blood is shed and more civilians lose their lives.

Kind regards,
s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 19 October 2023 11:05 AM
To: Minister Husic
Subject: Israel-Hamas war

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Dear Minister,

Whilst I may not agree with everything you said in your interview with PK today, you are a gentleman.

My people suffered something terrible just over a week ago.

Paestinian civillians should not have to suffer, it's terrible that the region has come to this.

If there were more people in the world with the thought, the empathy and the balance as yourself I would not feel unsafe walking down the street. I would not feel like I am gaining an understanding of what happened to my grandparents in Poland in the 1930s.

So, thank you. Thank you for your calm temperament. Thank you for denouncing Terror.

May we all find the true peace we need

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Sunday, 22 October 2023 11:41 PM
To: Minister Husic
Subject: s47F(1)

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As an ordinary Australian family man, with four grandchildren, and not being of Jewish or of Arabic extraction I find the present Gaza situation frightening and unnecessary in present development.

Whist fully understanding the history and some of the local challenges, I feel strongly, that for Israel to virtually destroy Gaza in their quite understandable challenge in permanently existing terrorists from amongst the civilian population of Gaza, does not justify the pre-meditated "murder" of ordinary Palestinian families.

I was especially concerned to watch INSIDERS this morning as ABC's David Spears had a play-fight with Lib. Senator Birmingham. Birmingham is the ultimate pontificator of conservatively presented but mangled half-facts, he is always rolled out when the Libs need to obfuscate, confuse and confound, to cover up an unsatisfactory situation. A slick-talker, always well rehearsed but with no actual arguable opinion, he is the consummate messenger-boy of "always ready with destructive negatives" Dutton.

I would urge you to grit your teeth and watch the INSIDERS segment, and then, permit yourself to be saddened, frustrated, confused, annoyed, enraged at the snivelling performances of both Spears and Birmingham, neither a straight question followed-through or a straight answer revealed.

The ABC policy of attempting to copy Sky, Nine, Seven and Ten in converting News into Light Entertainment makes me sick!

Stay strong.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

s47F(1)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2023 9:49 PM
To: contact@edhusic.com; Minister Husic; Ed Husic MP
Subject: Palestine

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Hello Ed,

Thank you very much for your comments regarding Gaza and the Palestinian people.

As a Australian-Palestinian, I find your comments as brave and encouraging. Your morality and concern for humanity is heartwarming.

Thank you and wishing you the best,

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 11 December 2023 7:52 AM
To: Minister Husic
Subject: Palestine
Categories: Campaign

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Dear Minister Husic,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the continuing conflict in Gaza.

The situation is extremely distressing and defies international law.

The continued annihilation of the Palestinian people and the fact that there is nowhere safe to flee defies any humanitarian principles.

I am now questioning the role of my elected representatives and feel I no longer align with ALP leadership or values.

Please influence for a cease fire and for the provision of aid at every opportunity.

Kind regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 19 October 2023 9:40 AM
To: Minister Husic
Subject: s47F(1)

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Dear Mr Husic MP

I very rarely write to ministers, but wanted to reach out in support of your stance in relation to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Of course, as you stated, the actions of Hamas are heinous, and the loss of Israeli lives horrific, but this doesn't diminish the horrors and terror that Palestinian citizens in the Gaza Strip are facing and I support your advocacy on their behalf.

Yours sincerely, s22(1)(a)(ii)

s47F(1)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2023 7:59 AM
To: Minister Husic
Subject: s47F(1)
Categories: Campaign

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Dear Minister Husic

Thank you for your voice of reason on ABC Breakfast this morning. You expressed what I and many others feel about the current situation in Gaza. I hope somehow this appalling situation in Gaza comes to an end and there is appropriate justice both for innocent Palestinians affected by the IMF and for those Israelis (and Palestinians) impacted by Hamas.

With thanks
s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent from my Galaxy

s47F(1)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 20 November 2023 2:20 PM
To: Invitations Husic
Subject: FW: Amnesty International: Event Invitation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 20 November 2023 2:10 PM
To: Ed Husic MP <ed.husic.mp@aph.gov.au>; Jovanovski, Emma <Emma.Jovanovski@industry.gov.au>
Subject: s47G : Event Invitation

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Dear Member of the Australian Parliament ,

I hope this email finds you well.

You're invited to join s47G and representatives from the s47G for a **briefing on the ongoing crisis in Israel and Palestine and its impact on civilians, with a particular focus on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.**

Please note that this briefing is open to all members of Parliament and we invite representatives from offices to also attend. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.

Date: Monday 27th November
Time: 12.30 - 1.30pm AEDT
Location: s47G

To RSVP, please email s22(1)(a)(ii) by COB Thursday 23/11.

If you have already received an invitation through the s47G newsletter and have provided an RSVP, you can disregard this email.

Regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

s47F(1)

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 3:07 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Request for the Oz [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii)

I thought we were going to ask her to carry the statement in full?
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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @industry.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 2:56 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) @industry.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Request for the Oz [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for your inquiry.

Pls see the below response, attributable to Ed Husic, Minister for Industry and Science and MP for Chifley:

"There are a devastating number of innocent Israeli and Palestinian families paying an utterly horrific price for what happened on the weekend.

I condemn Hamas's actions.

I remain deeply concerned about what happens from here.

Nobody should underestimate the effect war has on people, now and across generations.

It is traumatic and scars everybody involved.

There needs to be an urgent de-escalation of tensions all round."

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media Adviser
Office of the Hon Ed Husic MP
Minister for Industry and Science

s22(1)(a)(ii)

[@industry.gov.au](mailto:industry.gov.au)

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 10:33 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @industry.gov.au>
Subject: Request for the Oz

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Hey s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, seeking whether Ed will condemn the events in Sydney overnight with pro palestinian protesters on the steps of the Opera House. Also seeking whether he will condemn the pro-palestinian rallies in Western Sydney in recent days, as a western Sydney MP.

Should these protests have gone ahead?

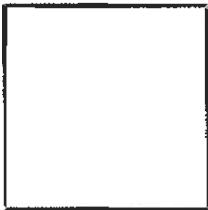
Should a separate event be held in support for the Jewish community?

My deadline is 2pm.

Kind regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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