

SEIMAS (PARLIAMENT) OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

STATEMENT

REGARDING ATTACKS BY TERRORIST ORGANISATION ‘HAMAS’ AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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Vilnius

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

While being deeply shocked by the recent firing of rockets into the territory between the State of Israel and the Gaza Strip that has led also to civilian casualties;

Expressing sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims;

Regrets that both sides have started military operations due to which the situation may become unpredictable;

Expresses its concern over the situation that is being dangerously escalated between the Israelis and the Palestinians after Hamas, a terrorist organisation supported by the regime of the Iranian Ayatollah, since 10th May 2021 has fired hundreds of rockets from the Gaza Strip, which is at the distance of just 70 km from Tel Aviv, into almost all cities of Israel;

Condemns rocket attacks by the terrorist organisation Hamas which are deliberately aimed at civilian population of Israel;

States that the State of Israel in which people of various nationalities live democratically together has the right to defend itself against attacks and terror aimed exclusively at civilian population;

Urges the international community to use its political influence to force the terrorist organisation Hamas to stop violence and massacres of Israel’s civilian population;

Reminds that Hamas, an Islamist movement supported by Iran, that controls the Gaza Strip has been recognised as a terrorist organisation by the European Union;

Invites the Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to peacefully resolve the conflict at a negotiations table based on mutual respect and goodwill; political, religious and community leaders of both sides should immediately and responsibly take steps to stop the spilling of blood.

Žygimantas Pavilionis, Chairperson of the Committee

