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## **PDTMACRON EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR THE NECESSITY OF DESCALADE & A RETURN TO PEACE**

### **AS HE SPOKE WITH ISRAELIAN PM NETHANAHOU**

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**USPA NEWS** - It all started when tensions suddenly rekindled in Israel after several days of clashes in the Old City of Jerusalem around the Mosque Plaza, last week. Violence between Palestinians and Israeli security forces at the end of Ramadan, fueled by the threat of eviction of Palestinian families in East Jerusalem (in the occupied territories) has left several hundred injured. On Monday, May 10, the tension escalated further when Hamas fired dozens of rockets from the Gaza Strip. The Israeli air force responded, killing 20 people according to Hamas. France warned of a "major escalation". The security council met on Monday May 10 in an emergency. Among these leaders, the French President Macron, insisted on Friday on "the urgency of a return to peace" in the Middle East called on Friday as he spoke with the Israeli Prime Minister . The head of state nevertheless insisted on "his unwavering attachment to the security of Israel" and on "his right to defend himself in accordance with international rules".

#### **CONTEXT OF TENSION AND VIOLENCE SINCE LAST WEEK IN PALESTINE ISRAEL-----**

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#### **A HEAVY TOLL SINCE THE VIOLENCE WITH 126 DEATH PALESTINIANS AND 9 ISRAELIANS-----**

Since violence broke out in Jerusalem and leads to a conflict, 126 Palestinians, including 31 children, have been killed and 950 injured in the Gaza Strip, according to a latest Palestinian report since Monday. Ten Palestinians have been killed since Friday morning in the West Bank in several clashes with the Israeli army, on the sidelines of a wide day of angry protests that left more than a hundred injured, according to a new report from the Ministry of Health Palestinian and Red Crescent. Israeli soldiers entered Gaza overnight from Thursday to Friday after increased rocket fire from Hamas, an operation that raises fears of an upsurge in the conflict that has left more than 100 dead, mostly Palestinians. In Israel, nine people were killed including a child and more than 560 injured. In Lebanon, one of the protesters injured by Israeli gunfire at the border died of his injuries, the national news agency said (ANI ). Today, the IDF announces that three rockets have been fired from Syria into Israel.

#### **THE PDT MACRON HAS BEGUN AND CONTINUES HIS EXCHANGES WITH THE PARTIES TO END THE ESCALADE OF VIOLENCE-----**

French President Macron has started and is continuing his contacts with all parties to put an end to the escalation of violence. Many leaders, called on the Israeli PM Benjamin Nethanyahou, and the President of Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, to de escalate and cease fie for reestablishing peace. Among these leaders, the French President Macron, insisted on Friday on "the urgency of a return to peace" in the Middle East called on Friday as he spoke with the Israeli Prime Minister . The head of state nevertheless insisted on "his unwavering attachment to the security of Israel" and on "his right to defend himself in accordance with international rules". "France will play its full part in the meeting of the United Nations Security Council to be held this Sunday," concludes the press release from Elysee. Source: Elysee

#### **ISRAELIAN PM NETANYAHOU EXPLAINS THAT PALESTINIANS "PAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO PAY AND THIS ISNOT OVER YET » -----**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Friday that the raids on the Gaza Strip were not going to end anytime soon,

after an intensification of the military strikes on the enclave, having already killed more than 100 in just a few months. days. "I said that we would inflict serious setbacks on Hamas and other terrorist groups (...). They are paying and will continue to pay dearly. It is not over yet," he said afterwards. a meeting at the Defense Ministry, according to a statement.

**PRESIDENT MACRON CALLS FOR "CEASE FIRE AND DIALOGUE"-----**

French President Emmanuel Macron calls for a "ceasefire and dialogue" in a message posted on the social network Twitter.

The President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron, has in fact continued his contacts with all parties to put an end to the escalation of violence in the Middle East. He spoke today with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He extended his condolences to him for the victims of the shooting claimed by Hamas and other terrorist groups whom he once again strongly condemned. On this anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, the President of the Republic reiterated his unwavering commitment to the security of Israel and its right to self-defense in accordance with international law.-----

The President of the Republic stressed the urgency of a return to peace. He also expressed to his interlocutor his concern about the civilian populations in Gaza. The President of the Republic is continuing his action to put an end to violence in coordination with his partners. The Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs is stepping up contacts with his counterparts. France will play its full part in the United Nations Security Council meeting to be held this Sunday. President Macron said. Source: Elysee, May 14, 2021.

**THE VIRTUAL SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 16-----**

The UN Security Council will hold a virtual public meeting on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Sunday at 2 p.m., diplomats said Thursday. This meeting, initially scheduled for Friday, was requested by Tunisia, Norway and China. The United States, which had blocked Friday's session and was considering a meeting early next week, agreed to move it forward to Sunday, the same sources said. "I think we're looking at the start of next week, I hope this will give diplomacy some time to bring results," said Anthony Blinken, US Secretary. At a press conference on May 13, the United States Secretary of State had expressed the wish for a return to calm so that Israelis and Palestinians "should be able to participate without fear of violence in the celebrations" linked to the end of Ramadan for Muslims and to the feast of Shavuot, the Jewish Pentecost, he said. he added in front of the press. Source: Elysee, US state Department, AFP, Aljazeera

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