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### ISRAEL'S BIGGEST ATTACK AGAINST GAZA SINCE 2014 WAR



*A fireball rises from Gaza city following an Israeli air strike on Friday, 20 July.*

Last Friday, Israel carried out its biggest attack against Gaza since the war in 2014, having continually struck 15 targets in the northern Gaza Strip and an additional 25 in Khan Yunis in the south.

Although the past week had seen efforts to try to keep the situation under control, Israel's Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman has warned of a "much tougher" response – a reference to the fact that Israel would take whatever action necessary to stop the protest against the new national law that has declared Israel a “Jew” nation.

This particular Israeli attack came during another Friday of protests by Palestinians at the border between Israel and Gaza.



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Gaza officials said four Palestinians were killed in the strikes. One of them was shot dead during protests along the border.

Palestinians have now been [protesting](#) at the border for 17 weeks. Gaza health officials say more than 130 Palestinians have been killed and 15,000 injured by Israeli forces during that time.

Israel as usual argues use force in self-defense. Even if that is the case, according to international law, the use of force cannot be indiscriminate and disproportional to the alleged threat.

Following Friday's clashes, the UN envoy for the Israel-Palestinian conflict, Nickolay Mladenov, made the following remark "step back from the brink" of war.

"I expect all parties, all sides to do their best right now. Not next month, not next week, right now, to prevent this escalation," said Mladenov.

ICSFT condemns all forms of disproportionate and illegal actions of aggression by Israel against the Palestinian people including large scale military attacks, indiscriminate shootings of civilians protesting, or [discriminatory legislation](#).

We urge the international community to take immediate actions in order to stop these violations by pressing Israel to abide by its international obligations. The lack of political will in the Israeli government cannot be used as an excuse to eternalize an occupation that has been terrorizing Palestinians for more than half a century!