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The Violence in the West Bank

We, the undersigned, former Ambassadors and senior Foreign Service officers, call on the Government of Israel to take every measure necessary in order to bring the acts of violence toward the Palestinian residents of the West Bank to an immediate cessation, and to take urgent and determined action against the vicious perpetrators.

This intolerable violence, which has intensified under the cover of war, runs diametrically contrary to any values of governance and morality and is in total violation of international and Israeli law. The absence of any fitting response from the leadership can only be seen as tacit support.

The involvement at times of uniformed soldiers and the use of state-supplied equipment reinforce this sentiment.

As officials who have dedicated their lives to defending the State in the international arena, we are alarmed at the continued erosion of Israel's global standing, at the consequences of this violence for Israel's foreign relations and at the damage it is creating for us as a country in which the rule of law and the centrality of our moral values must stand paramount.

Without detracting in any way from the right and duty of the IDF to fight Palestinian terror, we demand that the Government of Israel, from the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Defence Ministers onwards, outrightly condemn these criminal acts and the harming of innocent civilians, and we call upon them to eradicate this disgraceful phenomenon without delay.

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Additional Signatories- Italy

We, the undersigned, Italian former senior Foreign Service officers, have read with deep appreciation the letter signed by a large group of Israeli colleagues distressed by the ongoing violence in the West Bank. Among the signatories of your appeal, we also noted the names of diplomats who have served honourably in our Country, strengthening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Israel and Italy. In the tumultuous climate shaking currently the Middle East, we wish to express our support to those — like you — who fight for respect of human rights, international law and peace.

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