Statement by the National Council of Imams & Rabbis

We are extremely concerned at the escalation and continuation of hostilities between Israel and Gaza.

We are deeply saddened and troubled by all the violence, hatred, suffering and the loss of innocent life to which it leads. We acknowledge the grief and pain which it causes.

In these difficult and dangerous times we call on courageous and wise leadership to strive for a cease fire and a return to the negotiating table to work towards a sustained peace and two-state solution.

With regard to our shared responsibilities here in Britain, it is particularly important that we do not allow what happens elsewhere in the world to affect the very important levels of cooperation and understanding which we have built up between the Muslim and Jewish communities in this country.

As members of the National Council of Imams and Rabbis we seek to replace fear and prejudice with knowledge and understanding and in this way work together for a more peaceful world.

May it be God’s will that peace prevail.
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