

OIC Secretary General expresses deep concern over reports of chemical weapons used near Damascus, and calls for a UN investigation

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The OIC Secretary General, Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, expressed deep concern over reports of the use of chemical weapons in air strikes near the Syrian capital, Damascus, claiming the lives of hundreds of people, according to the same reports. The OIC Secretary General called on the Syrian Government to allow the international investigation team to access the affected area to probe into these reports which, if verified, would constitute a serious escalation of the conflict in Syria, given that the use of chemical weapons is a grave violation of international and humanitarian law.

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