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Syrian Coalition Condemns Israel’s Latest Ground Offensive in Gaza

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Press Statement
Hadi al Bahra
President of the Syrian Coalition
July 18, 2014

We condemn, in the strongest possible terms, Israel's latest aggression on Gaza Strip. We also condemn the continued targeting of civilian populations in Gaza by Israel Defense Forces. Reports that Israel is ramping up its operations are concerning as more than 250 have been killed since the start of the conflict on July 8th, 2014.

On behalf of the Syrian people, I reiterate our solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza in their struggle for freedom and dignity. During the past 6 decades, Palestinians have suffered time and again by Israeli aggression but have shown incredible determination and resilience. They should have legitimate rights in an environment of comprehensive and just peace that would put an end to the cycle of violence and restore stability to the entire region.

The Syrian people, plighted by the Assad regime's war on them, have raised their voices to show their support to the people of Gaza. The international community needs to take firm action to stop Israel's aggression on the Palestinian people. Civilian populations must not pay the price in any armed conflict. That has been enshrined in international conventions. However, concrete and practical mechanisms must be put in place to ensure civilians are protected in times of conflict. Civilians in Palestinian, Syria, and indeed everywhere around the world are entitled to live a decent life with freedom and dignity.

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