
Middle East: Borrell and Lenarcic (EU) call for immediate ceasefire in Gaza and new humanitarian aid

The High Representative for Foreign Affairs of the EU, Josep Borrell, and the Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenarčič, issued a statement on the humanitarian situation in Gaza and in the West Bank. Such statement emphasises that “it is essential to avoid any further escalation in the Middle East, in particular following the attacks from Iran targeting Israel. At this crucial time, we yet again call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2728, demanding an urgent and unfettered expansion of the flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza”. The European Commission “took note of Israel's commitments to open new humanitarian aid access points in Gaza, including Ashdod port and the Erez crossing, and to increase aid deliveries from Jordan. However, this must be followed by meaningful actions as a matter of priority”.

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