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ISLAMIC RELIEF ALARMED BY MILITARY ESCALATION IN MIDDLE EAST

Islamic Relief Worldwide is deeply alarmed by the escalating military conflict across the Middle East and calls urgently on all parties to exercise restraint and pursue a diplomatic resolution.

Civilians always bear the gravest impact of military escalation and must be protected.

The escalation comes in the middle of Ramadan, a month of compassion. Families across the Middle East deserve to celebrate the holy month without fear.

As the world's largest independent Muslim humanitarian charity, we are actively monitoring the situation across the region, including in countries where we deliver life-saving aid: Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkiye, Jordan, Syria, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

We are gravely concerned that wider regional destabilisation could affect and displace millions of civilians across the Gulf and beyond.

Islamic Relief has long served some of the world's most vulnerable people in this region, and we are acutely aware of how quickly humanitarian operations can be disrupted when conflict spreads.

An escalating war risks severing access to communities who depend on our support for food, shelter, clean water and healthcare.

We call on all parties to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law, protect civilian life, and ensure that humanitarian organisations can continue to operate safely.

The suffering of ordinary people, many of whom are already living through years of hardship, must not be compounded by further military action.

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Further major military escalation is likely to cause mass civilian displacement and refugee flows across the region.

Islamic Relief stands ready to scale up its response as needs become clearer.

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About Islamic Relief

Islamic Relief is an international humanitarian organization founded in 1984 in response to the famine in East Africa. The headquarters of Islamic Relief is located in Birmingham, United Kingdom. Islamic Relief operates in over 40 countries and has assisted more than 145 million people. Today, Islamic Relief Worldwide among one of the largest charity and development organizations in the world.

About Islamic Relief Malaysia

Islamic Relief Malaysia was established in 2004. It aspires to continue Islamic Relief humanitarian assistance in the Asia-Pacific region. Islamic Relief Malaysia serves as a fundraising and project implementer for international and local projects.

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