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4 Quezon City

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6 Third Regular Session

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1789**
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17 **RESOLUTION**

18 **EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
19 **CONDEMNING THE UNWARRANTED ISRAELI ATTACKS IN GAZA THAT**
20 **TARGET CIVILIANS, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**
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22 **WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2021, the clash between the Palestinian protesters and Israeli police
23 outside the Old City of Jerusalem left more than 170 Palestinians and six (6) Israeli police
24 officers hurt. The Israeli police officers fired rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades.
25 Moreover, according to a Palestinian journalist, Israeli forces stormed the clinic at the mosque
26 and beat protesters. In response, the protesters at al-Aqsa threw stones and lit fires. The conflict
27 escalated as Israeli forces on horseback and in riot gear used stun grenades to repel the
28 protesters;¹
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30 **WHEREAS**, an al-Aqsa official appealed for calm on the compound through the mosque's
31 loudspeakers saying "police must immediately stop firing stun grenades at worshippers, and the
32 youth must calm down and be quiet;"²
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34 **WHEREAS**, the Palestine Red Crescent ambulance service said 108 of the Palestinians injured
35 were taken to hospital, with many hit with rubber-coated metal bullets. One of the injured lost
36 an eye, two suffered serious head wounds and two had their jaws fractured;
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38 **WHEREAS**, on May 10, more than 300 Palestinian protesters were injured when Israeli forces
39 stormed the al-Aqsa compound for the second time in days. A Red Crescent spokesperson said
40 that the violence led to the hospitalization of at least 250 Palestinians, with seven in a critical
41 condition;
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43 **WHEREAS**, Palestinian militants said that they fired missiles at Tel Aviv after an Israeli air raid
44 destroyed the al-Sharouk tower in Gaza City. The tower, which is the third tall building to be
45 destroyed by air strikes during the week, housed al-Aqsa TV, the station run by Hamas;
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¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-57034237>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/05/israel-opt-end-brutal-repression-of-palestinians-protesting-forced-displacement-in-occupied-east-jerusalem/>

² <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/thousands-pack-al-aqsa-mosque-protest-palestinian-evictions-jerusalem-2021-05-07/>

1 **WHEREAS**, according to Palestinian health officials, Israeli bombing raids across Gaza have
2 killed at least 35 people, including 12 children, and injured 220 people as of May 11, 2021. The
3 Israeli military said it had killed more than 15 militants;³
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5 **WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2021, amid the Eid al-Fitr, Israeli forces continued their relentless
6 bombardment on the Gaza Strip.⁴ Israel claimed that it killed 16 members of the Hamas military
7 wing in an air strike on Gaza. In a statement, meanwhile, Hamas confirmed the commander's
8 death and the loss of "other leaders and warriors." It added that "thousands of leaders and
9 soldiers will follow in their footsteps."⁵ According to Gaza's Ministry of Health, the overall death
10 toll since the start of the latest offensive stood at 69, including 17 children and eight women as
11 of early Thursday. More than 390 others have been wounded;
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13 **WHEREAS**, as of May 13, 2021, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) reported rockets had also
14 been fired from Gaza into Israeli cities since hostilities escalated at the start of that week;⁶
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16 **WHEREAS**, Israel continued to press its air campaign against the Gaza Strip after a devastating
17 overnight assault by artillery and warplanes aimed at destroying an extensive system of tunnels
18 built by the militant Hamas group to move fighters, rockets and other weapons. Moreover, the
19 reciprocal bombardment between Israel and Hamas has resulted in the deaths of 126 in Gaza
20 and nine in Israel, and hundreds of people injured over five days of fighting according to health
21 and emergency officials;⁷
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23 **WHEREAS**, violence between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel also continued in cities across
24 the country, while new clashes erupted in the occupied West Bank, which had been relatively
25 calm in recent days, with skirmishes in Ramallah, Nablus, Tulkarem and other cities. Eleven
26 Palestinians were killed in West Bank confrontations with security forces, according to health
27 officials;
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29 **WHEREAS**, as of May 14, the death toll in Gaza climbed to 126, including 31 children, with
30 950 wounded, while eight civilians and one soldier died in Israel. Meanwhile, 11 Palestinians
31 were killed in the clashes in West Bank cities according to health officials;
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33 **WHEREAS**, as of May 15, Israeli forces destroyed a 12-storey tower block in Gaza housing the
34 offices of the U.S.-based Associated Press, Qatar-based broadcaster Al Jazeera and other news
35 media saying that the building was used by the Islamist militant group Hamas. In a statement, Al
36 Jazeera condemned in the strongest terms the bombing and destruction of its offices by the
37 Israeli military in Gaza and views this as a clear act to stop journalists from conducting their
38 sacred duty to inform the world and report events on the ground. Furthermore, Al Jazeera
39 promised to pursue every available route to hold the Israeli government responsible for its
40 actions;⁸
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³ <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/05/11/middleeast/israel-gaza-airstrikes-rockets-intl/index.html>

⁴ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/5/12/israeli-bombardment-continues-on-gaza>

⁵ <https://www.rappler.com/world/middle-east/senior-hamas-commander-killed-israel-strikes-gaza-palestinians-fire-rockets>

⁶ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-57094737>

⁷ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/05/14/israel-gaza-conflict-latest-updates/>

⁸ https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/05/15/21/gaza-tower-housing-media-orgs-ap-al-jazeera-collapses-after-israeli-missile-strike-witness?fbclid=IwAR1OKwb75nFN__IHYAUKldBn-dLiORr7TMu-S3-sVZZpSCHXpYldFxW6ALs
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/5/15/al-jazeera-strongly-condemns-israels-destruction-of-gaza-offices>

1 **WHEREAS**, Al Jazeera called on all media and human right institutions to join forces in
2 denouncing these ruthless bombings and to hold the government of Israel accountable for
3 deliberately targeting journalists and media institutions;
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5 **WHEREAS**, thousands of people worldwide march to support of Palestinian resistance for
6 liberation, justice, and human rights, and call to end the systemic displacement and oppression of
7 the US-backed Israel's siege and occupation;
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9 **WHEREAS**, several states have condemned the violence against the Palestinian people and
10 condemned Israel's 'inhumane, colonial, and apartheid' in Gaza;
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12 **WHEREAS**, we urge the Philippine government to join the strong condemnation of the
13 violations and aggressions of the Israeli government that have killed, injured, and caused
14 unmeasurable suffering for the Palestinian people;
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16 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through this
17 Resolution, expresses its strong condemnation on the unwarranted Israeli attacks in Gaza that
18 target civilians, women, children, and members of the media.
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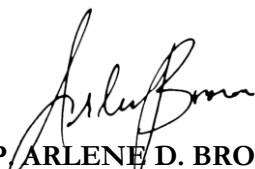
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