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President of Sri Lanka

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

29 November 2023

The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is being held this year,

regrettably amidst a dangerous escalation of violence and military action in Gaza and

the West Bank.

As we witness the loss of life and the deplorable humanitarian situation, Sri Lanka's

steadfast solidarity with the people of Palestine is reaffirmed.

Our call to all parties to the conflict to heed the voices of reason and the appeal for a

humanitarian ceasefire are reiterated. There is a dire need to retain a humanitarian

corridor to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the civilians in Gaza and ensure

the flow of aid into affected areas. Sri Lanka acknowledges the UN's commendable

endeavors in providing essential relief to the vulnerable population under extremely

challenging circumstances.

Sri Lanka supports the people of Palestine in their pursuit of statehood, peace and

prosperity and remains committed to a negotiated settlement in line with the relevant

UN resolutions on a two-state solution based on the 1967 borders.

Ranil Wickremesinghe

President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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