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Statement on Iran's attack on Israel

Cornelia Ernst, Chair of the European Delegation to Iran, declared on Iran's attack on Israel:

"I condemn Iran's attack on Israel. There has never been an attack on Israel from Iranian territory before. The leadership in Tehran has thus crossed another red line and turned the spiral of escalation. It is willing to accept that the region could slide into an all-out war. However, this must be prevented by all means. The world cannot bear another conflagration. It is therefore important to firmly emphasise to the decision-makers in Tehran that further escalation and violent acts will have massive consequences. At the same time, the Israeli government should now act prudently. Israel has every right to self-defence. Counter-attacks, however, also run the risk of perpetuating the conflict."

"My solidarity goes to all people in Israel and also in Gaza who are prevented from living in dignity and safety by the ongoing fighting. I also express my solidarity with the people of Iran, who themselves are suffering under the murderous mullah regime. It is no coincidence that on the eve of the Iranian attacks on Israel, the Iranian authorities unleashed massive nationwide crackdowns on women who violate the outrageous hijab law. The regime's calculation is clear: it thinks we have forgotten the many fighting women and men in Iran in the face of geopolitical developments. But we have not forgotten them: they still have all our hearts. The EU must support the democratic opposition of Iran now more than ever!"

Cornelia Ernst
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