



JSPACECANADA STATEMENT ON MAY 14 GAZA PROTEST

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We are deeply disturbed over the rising death toll in Gaza this past day. Israel has a right to defend its borders, but must never use lethal force against unarmed protesters. Hamas also bears much responsibility for the situation in Gaza by mixing armed combatants with peaceful demonstrators and encouraging Gazans to breach the border fence.

We welcome Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland's expression of concern today and call on Canada and the international community to address Gaza's ongoing humanitarian crisis.

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