

Mayors for Peace Joint Appeal

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Today, the global situation is in crisis with the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the worsening situation in the Middle East involving the conflict between Israel and Palestine and recent military confrontation between Israel and Iran. These regions continue to suffer the devastation of war, claiming countless lives, including those of citizens. Such tit-for-tat attacks and their escalation have significantly increased the risk of catastrophic consequences for civilians, entire regions, and the world at large.

In this milestone 80th year since the end of World War II and the first use of atomic bombs in human history, cities and citizens continue to be affected by military attacks despite ongoing diplomatic efforts to achieve peaceful resolutions to conflicts. The use of force against any country, which results in the loss of innocent civilian lives, is totally unacceptable.

All policymakers must recognize the need to sincerely heed the voices of civil society and resolve issues through rational and peaceful diplomatic means—not through violence. Mayors for Peace, a global network of local government leaders committed to protecting the safety and security of their citizens, strongly demands that international disputes be resolved by diplomatic efforts through dialogue so that peace can prevail in our daily lives.

On behalf of Mayors for Peace, which consists of approximately 8,500 member cities in 166 countries and regions, we hereby declare that, together with all peace-seeking people around the world, we will make every effort to achieve lasting global peace and create a world free from nuclear weapons.



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