

London tells Tel Aviv to do as little as possible to escalate tensions with Iran

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Protesters march in London, demanding end to Israel's genocide in Gaza and UK support of Tel

London, April 17 (RHC)-- Tension remains high in the Middle East as world leaders urge Israel to show restraint following Iran's recent drone and missile attack.

British Foreign Secretary David Cameron has urged Israel to do "as little as possible to escalate" tensions with Iran.

Meanwhile, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of provoking Iran by bombing the Iranian Consulate in Damascus, Syria, two weeks ago. Erdoğan said: "Netanyahu is endangering the lives of both his own citizens and all the peoples in the region to extend his political life. This is an indisputable fact: The one responsible for the tension that made our hearts skip a beat on the night of April 13th is Netanyahu and his government, which is seeing red."

In Geneva, the United Nations Human Rights Office is calling on Israel to stop supporting violent Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank. In recent days settlers have killed at least three Palestinians and attacked a number of villages, burning dozens of homes to the ground.

New York-based Human Rights Watch has accused Israeli military forces of either taking part in the attacks or failing to protect Palestinians from the settlers.

And The Guardian has revealed Israel has been speeding up plans over the past six months to build thousands of housing units in new illegal settlements in East Jerusalem.

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