

UNESCO Condemns Israeli Handling of Jerusalem's al-Aqsa Mosque



Geneva, October 21 (RHC)-- Amid a wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, adopted a resolution on Wednesday condemning Israeli handling of Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque.

The resolution said UNESCO condemned restrictions of freedom of worship at the al Aqsa mosque and reaffirmed other complaints about Israeli management of holy sites.

The news from UNESCO headquarters coincided with international endeavors to calm violence in which at least 42 Palestinians and eight Israelis have died. The turmoil has been triggered in part by what Palestinians regard as increased Jewish encroachment on the al-Aqsa compound.

The resolution was adopted with 26 votes in favor and six against, including the United States, Britain and Germany against. Diplomats said there were 25 abstentions, including France.



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