



## **JDI Statement on escalation of violence and tragic killings in Israel-Palestine**

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The Jewish Democratic Initiative notes with deep sadness and concern the escalation of violence and the tragic killings of Israelis and Palestinians in Occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank this past week.

On Friday last week, 7 Jewish Israelis were murdered by Khairi Alkam (21) the grandson of a Palestinian man murdered by Jewish terrorists in 1998 (the State of Israel recognised his family as terror victims). These crimes, incubated by repression, resistance and revenge and exacerbated by intergenerational trauma, illustrate the perpetual cycle of violence between Palestinians and Jewish Israelis.

This attack follows the deadliest year for Palestinians in the Occupied West Bank since the 2<sup>nd</sup> intifada. The recent inauguration of the most far-right coalition government in Israeli history, actively pursuing policies of dispossession and oppression and supporting expanded Israeli settlement, further entrenches the Occupation making the prospect of peace evermore distant.

JDI joins the global community in mourning and extends our deepest condolences to the families of all victims. When Jews are murdered, we all feel pain. Equally when Jews are perpetrators, we cannot evade our collective responsibility to speak out against violence.

We call on our community to support peace, justice and reconciliation in Israel-Palestine.