



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
DIASPORA AFFAIRS**

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**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS STATEMENT ON THE  
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

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The deeply destabilizing conflict in the Middle East is a matter of grave concern to Kenya.

Amidst this conflict, the Government, through the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, wishes to assure the public that the safety and well-being of the more than 500,000 Kenyan nationals residing and working in the Middle East remains a matter of top priority. No casualties or injuries involving Kenyan nationals have been reported seven days into the conflict. Gratefully, most Kenyan nationals in the region continue with their daily activities, whether for work, study, or personal matters, either in person or remotely, depending on prevailing local circumstances.

Kenyan citizens who wish to depart the region are advised, where feasible and safe, to make appropriate arrangements through available commercial airlines or licensed travel agents.

The Government is pleased that our national carrier, Kenya Airways, has begun to take advantage of the safe air corridors negotiated with concerned authorities to repatriate Kenyans stranded in the region.

The Government further recognizes the impact of the ongoing situation on Kenyan exporters to the Middle East. The Ministry is working closely

with Kenya Airways and other carriers to facilitate cargo flights and secure special permits for the export of perishable products. We urge affected members of the Kenyan business community to remain patient as these efforts continue.

The Ministry's leadership, led by the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, remains in close contact with the 7 Missions and 2 Consulates-General across the region and is receiving regular updates on the welfare of Kenyan nationals and the security of our diplomatic personnel and facilities.

All Missions in the region have activated emergency and contingency response mechanisms, including evacuation plans should the situation deteriorate. Kenyan nationals are urged to register and remain in contact with the respective Kenya Embassies and Consulates, which have established and publicized 24-hour emergency helplines. Kenyans in the affected countries are further advised to remain vigilant and follow guidance issued by host governments.

Additionally, the State Department for Diaspora Affairs continues to operate a 24-hour Diaspora center on telephone numbers +254 207887600 or +254 114757002 (also available on WhatsApp).

On the diplomatic front, Kenya continues to express deep concern regarding the expansion of the conflict theatre and the targeting of maritime, energy and other infrastructure. Kenya commends the countries affected by retaliatory attacks for exercising restraint and assures its partners in the Middle East of her continued solidarity.

In line with our longstanding commitment to peaceful settlement of disputes, Kenya calls upon all parties to the conflict to de-escalate and return to diplomatic negotiations in a spirit of constructive dialogue and compromise. It commends all efforts seeking a pause in hostilities and remains available to provide support to any credible initiative.

The Government will continue to monitor developments closely, take appropriate measures to safeguard its nationals and national interests, and provide updates as necessary.

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