



## **ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**26 JUNE 2025**

1. We express concern over the escalation of tensions in the Middle East since 13 June 2025, and welcome the ceasefire between Israel and Iran on 24 June 2025. We urge all parties to respect the ceasefire and avoid further escalation of this conflict.
2. We reaffirm the obligation of all States to resolve their differences through peaceful means and to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, in line with international law, including the United Nations (UN) Charter. We further reiterate the obligations to protect civilians and civilian infrastructures in armed conflicts consistent with international law and relevant UN Security Council resolutions.
3. We support ongoing efforts, including those led by the UN, aimed at de-escalating tensions and facilitating the resumption of constructive engagement among parties involved.
4. We also re-emphasise the shared commitment to provide emergency assistance to ASEAN nationals, in accordance with the ASEAN Declaration on the Guidelines on Consular Assistance by ASEAN Member States' Missions in Third Countries to Nationals of Other ASEAN Member State and the Guidelines for the Provision of Emergency Assistance by ASEAN Missions in Third Countries to Nationals of ASEAN Member Countries in Crisis Situations.

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