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ECAJ condemns latest Hamas rocket attacks on Israel
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The Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) condemns the actions of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other terrorist groups in Gaza which over the last two days have fired more than 450 rockets, mortars and other explosive projectiles targeted at civilian population centres in southern Israel, including the cities of Ashkelon, Ashdod and Beer Sheva.

The attacks have claimed the life of Moshe Agadi, a 60-year-old Israeli man, who was killed after a rocket hit his home. More than 80 Israeli civilians have been injured. Israel's Iron Dome air defence system has intercepted some of the rockets, and thus averted an even higher casualty count.

Whilst we deplore the death and injury of innocent civilians on both sides, the responsibility for the outbreak of violence lies squarely with the terrorist groups in Gaza and primarily the Hamas rulers of the territory, whose Charter calls for Israel to be "obliterated", and who deliberately target Israeli civilians while cynically using the people of Gaza as human shields.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family of Moshe Agadi. We stand in solidarity with the people of Israel, who regularly face murderous attacks from the terrorists, and wish them strength and steadfastness in the face of the attacks to which they have been subjected.

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