

**Statement by Dr the Hon Prime Minister**  
**on the situation in the Middle East**  
**at the sitting of the National Assembly**  
**Monday 23 June 2025**

**Madam Speaker,**

As the rest of the peace-loving world, Mauritius is extremely concerned at the heightened degree of belligerence, witnessed during the weekend in the Middle East, which, if not restrained, is bound to lead to further escalation and may spread the conflict across the region, thus putting in jeopardy peace in this part of the world, including the Indian Ocean region.

On behalf of the Government and people of Mauritius, I urge the international community to exercise its utmost influence on all parties concerned to give diplomacy a chance to settle the issue at play, and the differences that have emerged, peacefully.

Allowing the conflict to continue and expand will only exacerbate the situation which has already reached a dangerous threshold.

I, therefore, call on all parties concerned for an immediate cessation of hostilities, allow wisdom to prevail, and urge them to sit at the negotiating table with a view to returning the region to peaceful co-existence.

I have instructed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to issue an official communiqué along these lines.

Thank you.

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