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Australian Government condemns attacks in southern Israel

The Australian Government condemns in the strongest possible terms the terrorist attacks in southern Israel on 18 August.

These deplorable acts of violence have claimed innocent civilian lives, and undermine efforts towards peace and security in the region. They are indefensible.

Initial reports indicate that attacks by gunmen on an Israel bus near the Israel-Egypt border, and subsequent attacks on two other vehicles, have resulted in the loss of at least six lives.

“The Australian Government stands with the people of Israel against these brutal actions and calls for those responsible to be brought to justice,” said Acting Foreign Minister Dr Craig Emerson.

The Australian Government’s deepest condolences go to the families and friends of those killed and our hopes are with the injured for a full recovery.

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