

## **Claremont Friends Meeting Minute on the Gaza Crisis**

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As Quakers, we believe there is that of God in every person and are opposed to violence in all its forms.

The violence visited on the people of Israel on October 7, 2023, by Hamas was unspeakable. So also is the violence being visited on the people of Palestine by Israel on a daily basis.

We call on our government to reset its policy: to call for an immediate cease fire and to pursue negotiations to free the remaining Israeli hostages in Gaza.

The only possible road to peace in the region is the reduction of arms sales to Israel, an unswerving commitment to a cessation of hostilities, and the resumption of dialogue. The International Court of Justice's ruling underlines the importance of action now to forestall genocide.

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