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Statement of Solidarity

As researchers at Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, we condemn in the strongest terms the violence committed by Hamas on October 7 against Israeli civilians. There can be no justification for these atrocities. Nor can there be justification for the collective punishment of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli government. We warn against a humanitarian catastrophe in the Gaza Strip in which the population is currently systematically deprived of basic necessities and moved by force. We grieve for all civilians, regardless of their nationality who in the past weeks and beyond have fallen victim to violence. Terror, war and military operations by either side will not lead to a peaceful solution and reconciliation between the two peoples. We express our firm solidarity with Israelis and Palestinians who work tirelessly to uphold international law, denounce war crimes and crimes against humanity.

We emphasise the need for a pluralistic discussion of the issue in Germany, for which it is necessary to safeguard democratic freedoms, the right to assembly, free speech, and the safety of all people in Germany.