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**LPHR public statement on current military offensive on Gaza**

As lawyers committed to the protection and advancement of Palestinian human rights, we call upon the international community to act decisively to halt the latest resort to sustained military action in the Gaza Strip, following Israel's announcement earlier today that they have launched a military operation codenamed Operation Protective Edge.

LPHR is hugely concerned by the [report](#) from the Palestinian Center for Human Rights of today stating that 27 Palestinian civilians, including 10 women and five children, were wounded in Israeli military air strikes against civilian objects, including homes, during the early hours of this morning.

LPHR urgently calls upon the parties to military action, Israeli or Palestinian, to fulfil their binding legal obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law and ensure against the indiscriminate and disproportionate use of force against civilians or civilian targets.

LPHR further urgently calls upon the international community to ensure that full legal accountability is secured for any unlawful military action.

LPHR shall be closely monitoring the current military offensive on Gaza and will make further public statements as and when necessary.