

The UN's Call for a Global Ceasefire Amid Covid-19: Can It Help Advance Israeli-Palestinian Peace?

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In March 2020, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres issued an appeal for a global ceasefire. "There should be one fight in our world today, our shared battle against Covid-19," he said. In the weeks that followed, leaders, organizations and citizens from different countries have voiced their support for a global ceasefire. In some conflicts around the world, there were signs of reduced escalation and increased humanitarian cooperation. Israelis and Palestinians have also stepped up their cooperation these days, as both sides work to confront the health crisis and its domestic implications. However, the current political climate poses obstacles for additional progress. Statements about an upcoming Israeli annexation of Palestinian territories raise the likelihood of escalation over the coming months. In light of this background, the conference will introduce the UN's call for a global ceasefire, explore the impact it has made so far on international conflicts, assess its relevance to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and discuss ways to increase Israeli-Palestinian cooperation and to advance peace.



Speakers include:

-  H.E. Nickolay Mladenov
UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process
-  Mr. Richard Gowan
UN Director, International Crisis Group
-  Dr. Yael Berda
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-  Dr. Lior Lehrs
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-  Ms. Huda Abuarquob
Regional Director, The Alliance for Middle East Peace
-  Prof. Dan Miodownik
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-  Dr. Nimrod Goren
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