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Dear Peter

We are writing as leaders of the GMB, one the UK's largest unions, to extend a message of solidarity with your members during this dark hour.

We unequivocally condemn the atrocities perpetrated by Hamas and other groups in recent days.

Our members – and millions of people in the UK – will have been horrified by the accounts and images that have emerged from southern Israel.

All attacks against civilians are attacks on workers, and the international labour movement must condemn antisemitism and terrorism wherever it is found.

As a union that represents Jewish faith workers, many of our members are linked to Israel by ties of work and family. And as a union for emergency service workers, we understand both the physical and the mental scars that terrorism inflicts. Our thoughts are with your members as they risk their lives to provide care and sanctuary.

If, in the days and weeks ahead, we can provide a further expression of moral or practical support then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in solidarity

Gary Smith (General Secretary)

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