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UN-Habitat statement on the situation in Iran

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UN-Habitat recalls the statement of Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General, who condemned the military escalation in the Middle East, underscoring that the use of force and subsequent retaliatory actions undermine international peace and security and risk a wider regional conflict with grave consequences for civilian populations. UN-Habitat is saddened by the loss of life and offer our condolences to families and loved ones.

In line with the Secretary-General's call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and de-escalation, UN-Habitat reiterates the importance of full respect for the Charter of the United Nations and international humanitarian law, including the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure.

UN-Habitat wishes to emphasize the significant urban and human settlements implications of the current crisis, including damage to housing and human settlements, disruptions to essential basic services including water and sanitation, with increased risks of displacement and heightened vulnerabilities in cities.

Within its mandate and in line with its Strategic Plan 2026–2029, UN-Habitat remains committed to supporting efforts that promote resilience, early recovery, and sustainable urban development, in line with humanitarian principles and in coordination with the United Nations system under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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