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**Call for an Immediate End to the Bloodshed  
in the Middle East!**

**Passionate appeal from the President of the ESCU  
to those involved in the conflict**

At the alleged height of the warlike hostilities in the Middle East, claiming dozens of fatalities every day, the President of the European Senior Citizens' Union (ESCU) has turned to Israel and Hezbollah, issuing the following statement in Berlin:

**“The ESCU can no longer sit back and watch the daily clashes between Hezbollah and Israel, causing death and destruction on a previously inconceivable scale.**

**Hundreds of innocent civilians have already paid with their lives for the violence exerted on both sides; thousands more have fled only to find they are still not immune from the fire.**

**On behalf of 400,000 senior citizens throughout Europe I hereby make the following demands:**

- ***An immediate end to the bloodshed!***
- ***Allow reason to prevail in your relations again!***
- ***A return to diplomatic talks!***
- ***Recognise that there is no reasonable alternative!***

**The faster the two kidnapped Israeli soldiers are released, the greater the chances of bringing peace to the region.**

**The neighbouring states – Syria and Iran – must show consistent moral reserve and military restraint in a bid to bring a swift end to the bloodshed.**

**Wake up to your joint accountability for life and your responsibility to allow people of different religions and political persuasions to live together, and start acting by this principle forthwith!**

**First and foremost – take all measures to protect civilians from harm!**

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