<u>Green Party reaction to escalating</u> crisis between Israel and Iran

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The Green Party has called on the UK government to press for de-escalation, push for an immediate ceasefire and hold all parties to the same international standards, in response to the escalating situation in the Middle East.

Co-leader of the Green Party, Adrian Ramsay MP, said:

"The escalating crisis between Israel and Iran is gravely concerning, not just for regional stability, but for the safety of civilians — there have already been hundreds of casualties. Calls for the total evacuation of central Tehran are deeply alarming indicating people's homes and hospitals and children's schools are at risk of attack, not just military targets.

"We are witnessing a pattern of Israel acting with impunity. In Gaza, military objectives have become indistinguishable from the mass suffering of civilians with little or no critique, let alone sanctions from the international community. And now, we are seeing a similar playbook with Israel appearing to pursue regime change in Iran through unilateral military action, without any international mandate or clear justification.

"The UK government must urgently press for de-escalation, push for an immediate ceasefire across all fronts, and hold all parties to the same international standards — holding to account Israel for its aggressive unilateral actions and Iran for its well-documented human rights violations.

"Furthermore, Donald Trump's warmongering rhetoric is fanning the flames of this conflict. The UK must stand firmly against such a gung-ho approach to military intervention and call on the US to instead prioritise genuine diplomatic engagement and humanitarian relief."

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