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The PSI Special Interest Group in Perinatal and Infant Mental Health recognises suffering of people of Israel and Palestine

The Psychology Society of Ireland (PSI) Special Interest Group in Perinatal and Infant Mental Health wants to compassionately recognise the suffering being experienced by the people of Israel and Palestine. We know that the vast majority of people yearn for peace and to live a life free of violence. We were deeply saddened to read the [WHO report](#) in relation to how women and infants are bearing the brunt of the conflict.

As psychologists we know that trauma has lifelong and intergenerational consequences. The impact of these events are also being felt here in Ireland and our thoughts are with the family and friends of victims of violence, war and terror. We are also mindful of the medical and aid workers who are trying to help those who are suffering. We know that human beings are innately wired to connect with one another. We hope that those in power can find their compassion and look toward a means of finding commonality rather than division.