

In Focus: Settlement Conflict: Calls intensify to revive Gaza settlements amid ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict

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Now, to the West Bank. Deadly settler violence has seen another uptick recently – following what the Israeli Defense Forces alleged to be the murder of an Israeli teen by Palestinian terrorists over the weekend. In the last episode of our special In Focus series on the issue of Israeli settlements on disputed lands, we brought you the story about how the recent conflict has pushed settlers to take security into their own hands, even as Palestinian communities grapple with the realities of increasing threats. Now we turn our focus to the global stage, to better understand the role of international players in this conflict. Feng Yilei has more.

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"Most of them didn't pay attention during the last 14 years to the Palestinian issue, because they got what the rightists say that there is no possibility to reach agreement with the Palestinians. We are standing at the end of the conflict. If we are not going to take the decisions that we need to take, us and the Palestinians, nothing will happen. We will continue to fight each other."

International efforts to broker a permanent ceasefire in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remain stalled despite mounting pressure. As fears grow that the diplomatic gridlock between key international players could worsen the crisis further.

"I believe we need a two-state solution and I disagree with the policies of the Government of Israel, with the settlements and with a number of other initiatives that have undermined the two-state solution."

After months of deadlock, the UN Security Council finally passed a resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire in the latest conflict.

In her latest report to member states of the world body, the UN Special Rapporteur on Palestine, Francesca Albanese described Israel's actions in Gaza as ongoing-genocide, and the most severe stage of a long-standing process of erasure of native Palestinians.

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