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## **SECRETARY BLINKEN CALLED ISRAELI PM NETANYAHU EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT**

### **FOR SELF DEFENSE OVER ONGOING VIOLENCE**

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**USPA NEWS** - Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken spoke today with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The Secretary expressed his concerns regarding the barrage of rocket attacks on Israel, his condolences for the lives lost as a result, and the United States' strong support for Israel's right to defend itself.

Since, the recent clashes between Israelis and Palestinians which have recently increased in violence in Jerusalem,"Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken spoke today with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The Secretary expressed his concerns regarding the barrage of rocket attacks on Israel, his condolences for the lives lost as a result, and the United States' strong support for Israel's right to defend itself. The Secretary and the Prime Minister discussed the ongoing violence in Jerusalem, and the Secretary reiterated his call on all parties to deescalate tensions and bring a halt to the violence. The Secretary emphasized the need for Israelis and Palestinians to be able to live in safety and security, as well as enjoy equal measures of freedom, security, prosperity, and democracy. Secretary Blinken and Prime Minister Netanyahu acknowledged the steadfast partnership between the United States and Israel and committed to working together on challenges ahead. » Source: US State of Department, Office of the Spokesperson

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