

HARVARD AFFILIATES RELEASE JOINT STATEMENT ON WAR IN ISRAEL

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., OCTOBER 11—More than 3,000 Harvard University affiliates signed a statement published Tuesday condemning Hamas' attacks on Israel over the weekend. The statement also condemned one signed by Harvard's Palestinian Solidarity Committee and dozens of other campus groups, which asserted that Israel's “apartheid regime is the only one to blame” for the violence and subsequent war.

“It was painful to see so many of my peers sign a statement blaming the Jewish state for the slaughter, kidnapping, and rapes of hundreds of Israelis — brutal atrocities on a scale we haven’t seen since the Holocaust,” says Jacob Miller ‘25, president of Harvard Hillel, one of the campus organizations that signed the statement condemning that of the Palestinian Solidarity Committee. “We were pleased to see a strong response to our statement from the Harvard community against the antisemitic letters put out by other campus groups. I am proud of the 3,000 signatories who send a strong message that antisemitic blame games for these attacks have no place on Harvard’s campus.”

The statement, signed by current students, alumni, faculty, and public officials, Jewish and not, says the Palestinian Solidarity Committee’s statement is “deeply offensive” and calls on the campus groups who co-signed it to retract their signatures, which some have begun to do. “As we grieve those murdered, and pray for the recovery of the thousands wounded and the peaceful return of those captured, we request your solidarity and support,” the statement says, adding, “There are no justifications for the acts of terror we have seen in the past days.”

The statement signed by 3,000 Harvard affiliates can be found [at this link](#).