

CHAIR'S STATEMENT ON BRICS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SPECIAL ENVOYS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

24 April, 2026

The BRICS Deputy Foreign Ministers and Special Envoys on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) met on 24 April 2026 in New Delhi, and exchanged views on the current situation in the region. Members expressed deep concern on the recent conflict in the Middle East and offered views and assessments on the matter. The discussions covered the Palestine issue and the Gaza situation, including provision of humanitarian aid, the role of UNRWA, zero-tolerance approach to terrorism, welcoming the ceasefire in Lebanon, the unacceptability of attacks on UNIFIL, post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation in Syria, political settlement in Yemen, stability and development in Iraq, political process in Libya, and addressing the humanitarian crisis in Sudan. They agreed to meet again under China's Chairship in 2027.

New Delhi

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