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Bangladesh has expressed displeasure over the world leaders' 'indifference' regarding Israeli aggression in Palestine and human disaster there and sought necessary steps to find a peaceful solution to the crisis.

"Today we're compelled to say with heavy heart that UN member state Israel is carrying out killings on Palestinians by ignoring all international norms and restrictions," said Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) Dr AK Abdul Momen.

He was addressing an open debate at the UN Security Council on 'Situation in the Middle east including question of Palestine' on Tuesday, according to a Foreign Ministry release here.

Dr Momen urged the Security Council and the world leaders to take necessary steps to stop killings of the Palestinians.

He hoped that the Security Council will play a role of mediator for finding a sustainable political solution to the crisis ensuring peaceful coexistence of both Israel and Palestine as independent states.

Over 60 member states including Bangladesh took part in the debate.

Earlier, Bangladesh in a statement strongly condemned Israeli aggression in Gaza and called for an immediate cessation of its atrocities on the civilian population there.

Bangladesh called upon all parties to exercise maximum restraint to avoid further loss of lives, and resume dialogue to revive the peace process at the earliest towards a two-State solution.

Bangladesh firmly believes that the occupation of Palestinian land must come to an end, and the Palestinians people must have their own independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital, it said.

The statement also said that Bangladesh is deeply shocked at the recent Israeli atrocities and violence perpetrated in Gaza, in particular, air strikes, resulting in tragic loss of civilian lives and heavy damage to property and posing renewed threat to regional peace and stability.

Bangladesh maintains its principled position on a comprehensive solution of the Palestine question in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions, the Arab Peace Plan and the Road Map.