



National Statement by Ambassador Bilal Ahmad, Permanent Representative during Urgent Debate “to discuss the recent military aggression launched by the Islamic Republic of Iran against Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates on 28 February 2026”

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Mr. President,

My delegation reaffirms Pakistan’s unwavering solidarity with our brotherly nations: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Jordan.

The sovereignty and territorial integrity of these fraternal states have been violated despite their support for dialogue and facilitation of diplomatic engagement. We condemn these attacks, for which there can be no justification.

We also condemn the unwarranted attacks on the Islamic Republic of Iran that precipitated this avoidable conflict.

This is a war that should never have happened. Instead, it has embroiled the entire region. Too many innocents are already paying the price.

There can be no tolerance for attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure like housing, hospitals, schools, energy and water desalination.

Pakistan has consistently sought an immediate end to this conflict that has caused immense humanitarian suffering. Our leadership has expressed Pakistan’s readiness to facilitate a comprehensive settlement of the ongoing conflict.

It remains essential to avoid any steps that take us further from that goal.

We commend the member states of the GCC and Jordan for their wisdom and for refraining from the use of force.

The peoples of the Middle East and beyond deserve peace, stability and prosperity, not a freefall into endless conflict and war.

Thank you.

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