



**ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT
ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

12 January 2020

1. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers expressed concern over escalation of tensions in the Middle East.
2. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers called on all parties concerned to exercise self-restraint, avoid acts that may aggravate the situation and to resolve differences through diplomacy and dialogue in the interest of maintaining peace and stability in the region.
3. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers re-emphasised the commitment to provide consular assistance to ASEAN nationals in Iraq to ensure their safety and security in accordance with the appropriate ASEAN guidelines.

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