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**Lindsay Mathyssen, MP made the following statement:**

I am hearing fear and panic from my constituents including many Lebanese Canadians in London, who are worried for their families in Lebanon and the wider region, given the unprecedented explosions over the past two days. The people of Lebanon are still dealing with the worst economic crisis they have ever seen. They have not recovered from the explosion in the port of Beirut; their hospitals are short of medical supplies; they do not want a war. The people of Lebanon, like all people, deserve to live in peace and security.

We echo the sentiments expressed by UN Secretary General, the UN Human Rights Chief, and the EU Representative for Foreign Affairs, and add our name to the calls for an independent investigation.

New Democrats are, as always, concerned about potential devastating implications of an escalation of violence on civilians in Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, and the wider region.

Enough horror. Enough suffering. Canada must call for maximum restraint, do more to urge de-escalation, ensure compliance with international law and protection of civilians, and work for peace for all people in the region. Canada must do better.

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