

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**INFORMATION AND PRESS DEPARTMENT**



32/34 Smolenskaya-Sennaya pl., 119200, Moscow G-200; tel.: (495) 244 4119, fax: 244 4112  
e-mail: dip@mid.ru, web-address: www.mid.ru

Unofficial translation from Russian

**Statement by Mikhail Kamynin, the Spokesman of Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regarding the Terrorist Act in Tel Aviv**

650-17-04-2006

A terrorist act was committed in Tel Aviv on April 17. According to preliminary information, a powerful suicide bombing near the central Tel Aviv bus station killed six people and injured dozens more. Information on the victims is being specified. According to data available at this moment, there are no Russian citizens among them.

The group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for this terrorist act.

Moscow extends sincere condolences to the relatives of those killed and sympathy for the injured. Resolutely and unconditionally we condemn this bloody attack of extremists who have again raised a hand against innocent people - an act for which there can be no justification. The plan of the organizers of this crime is obvious: to make extremely tense the already not simple situation in Palestinian-Israeli relations, speed the flywheel of violence and bury the hopes for achieving a long-term settlement which would lead to the creation of a Palestinian State living in good-neighborliness with the State of Israel.

At this critical moment we call upon all the PNA branches of power to do all they can to prevent anti-Israeli actions, primarily terrorist attacks, and we also urge the government of Israel to show, despite these grave circumstances, restraint and composure and prevent slipping into a precipice of large-scale confrontation. We are convinced that by joint efforts, through putting a reliable barrier on the way of all terrorist attacks, it is possible to break the circle of violence and arrive at a resumption of the negotiation process on the basis of the Roadmap. Russia will continue facilitating this energetically.

April 17, 2006