



Letter to communities following break out of conflict in the Middle East, 3/2/26

Dear all,

I am writing to share my concerns and provide reassurance around the ongoing conflict which began in Iran on the weekend of 28 February-1st March and is now spreading throughout the region.

I know this must be a very concerning time for many in our communities, whether you have loved ones abroad or are connected by shared religion or background with the countries affected by conflict.

Gwent Police is actively working to ensure our communities feel safe and supported. Our neighbourhood teams will be increasing patrols and engagements in areas where community members may be affected by the current crisis. We will also use our Neighbourhood Matters engagement tool to reach out directly to local communities to better understand your concerns and share safety advice with you. We will be meeting with our Independent Advisory Group and other key stakeholders to share important messages and hear the views of our advisors, who represent a wide range of communities.

We take all reports of crime, including hate crime, very seriously. If you do witness or experience any targeted abuse or criminal damage to yourselves or your properties because of who you are, please do let us know so we can investigate and keep you safe.

You can report to the police on 999 (emergency), 101 (non-emergency) or via [Gwent Police's website](#).

If you don't want to report directly to the police, you can report to other organisations including:

- Victim Support - [Gwent - Victim Support](#) / 08081689111
- Wales Hate Support Centre - [Wales Hate Crime – The National Hate Crime Report and Support Centre provides free and confidential support and reporting options to victims of Hate Crime across Wales.](#) / 0300 303 1982
- For the Jewish community, you can also report to the Community Safety Trust - [CST – Protecting Our Jewish Community](#) – 0800 032 3263
- For the Muslim community, you can also report to Tell Mama - [Tell Mama: Report in Anti-Muslim Hate or Islamophobia](#) – 0800 456 1226

With all good wishes,

Chief Constable Mark Hobrough