

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St NW
Washington, DC 20451

RE: Support of Magen David Adom

Secretary Rubio:

In the wake of the horrific Hamas attack on October 7, Israel is facing a severe shortage of armored ambulances. We urge the Department of State to affirm its support for efforts by Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's Red Cross, to acquire U.S.-manufactured armored ambulances to protect both medics and patients during terrorist attacks and other emergencies.

On October 7, when Hamas massacred or kidnapped approximately 1,500 Israelis, it deliberately targeted emergency responders. Over the course of the attack and the days that followed, Hamas destroyed 14 non-armored MDA ambulances, killed seven medics while they were treating patients, and carjacked an ambulance—murdering an EMT in the process. These acts underscore the urgent need for armored ambulances to ensure emergency medical personnel can operate safely while saving lives.

Congress has already recognized this need. The FY2026 report directs that funds be made available to support safe medical transport in Israel in light of continued attacks from Iran and the Houthis, while the FY2025 report expresses a similar expectation regarding attacks from Hamas and Hezbollah. Together, this sustained language reflects a clear and bipartisan commitment to ensuring emergency medical transport remains safe and available in Israel, even under threat.

We respectfully urge the Department to support this program consistent with that congressional intent and help ensure that vulnerable civilians and the medics who serve them are protected. Armored ambulances save lives and safeguard those who rush toward danger when others are fleeing it.

Magen David Adom is a private, non-governmental organization that provides lifesaving services to Israelis of all backgrounds—Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Druze alike. Supporting efforts to enhance MDA's emergency response capacity would reinforce the United States' longstanding support for humanitarian values and for a key ally facing ongoing security threats.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your support.

Sincerely,



Congressman Greg Landsman



Congressman Max Miller

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