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## ***UEFA moves matches from Israel***

### **Hapoel Tel-Aviv vs. Milan AC UEFA Cup tie to go to neutral venue**

UEFA has today decided that in the light of the current tragic events in Israel that no European competition matches can be staged in the country until further notice.

As a result the UEFA Cup tie between Hapoel Tel-Aviv and Milan AC scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March shall be staged at a neutral venue (details to be announced shortly).

UEFA Chief Executive, Gerhard Aigner, who has written to the Israeli Football Association and informed the two clubs concerned, said today:

"UEFA has been closely monitoring the situation in Israel over recent months. We have noted with great concern the increasing number of tragic incidents and the most recent escalation of violence, which has also now reached Tel-Aviv.

"In light of this situation and in the interests of safety and security, UEFA has decided that no more European competition matches can be staged in Israel until further notice. As a result the forthcoming quarter-final match of the UEFA Cup, Hapoel Tel-Aviv vs. Milan AC, shall be staged at a neutral venue.

"This was not an easy decision but is, we believe, in the best interests of everyone concerned."

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