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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Blinken Urges Peace]

TONY DOKOUPIL: Secretary of State Antony Blinken visits Israel as deadly clashes with Palestinians continue.

SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN: We're urging all sides to restore calm, to deescalate.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Escalating Israel-Palestinian Violence; Secy Blinken Meeting With Palestine's Pres. to "De-Escalate" Situation]

NATE BURLESON: Turning overseas where U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday and is meeting with the Palestinian Authority president this morning. This comes amid some of the deadliest violence in the region in years. Imtiaz Tyab is in Jerusalem. Imtiaz, good morning.

IMTIAZ TYAB: Nate, good morning to you. Well, Secretary Blinken is currently meeting with the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, as part of efforts to, in his words, de-escalate the situation, a situation which was really triggered by a massive Israeli raid in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin last week where ten Palestinians were killed. The following day in what's been described as a, "revenge attack," a Palestinian gunman opened fire in a synagogue in East Jerusalem, killing seven — or rather, outside a synagogue in East Jerusalem, kicking seven, including six Israelis. And, since then, there have been more acts carried out by Palestinians and more raids by Israeli forces in the West Bank, including at least 44 attacks — or, rather, 144 attacks by Israeli settlers against Palestinians there. Now, this surge in violence comes as Israel's new government which is described as the most extreme and right-wing in the country's history, triggered mass protests over its plans to weaken the judiciary, a protest movement that Mr. Blinken appeared to support when meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu just yesterday. Now, Mr. Blinken has not publicly made any suggestions as to how he can de-escalate the violence, nor was it clear, Tony, whether he'd be making any proposals.

TONY DOKOUPIL: Imtiaz Tyab for us once again in Jerusalem. Imtiaz, thank you very much.