

Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General

Violence in Gaza

The Secretary-General is deeply concerned at the violence reported in Gaza in the context of the recent Israeli incursion. Reports indicate that during heavy exchanges of fire, including the use of tank fire in populated areas, a number of Palestinian civilians were injured and at least one was reported killed. The Secretary-General calls on all parties to do their utmost to protect civilians and uphold international law. In addition, Palestinian rocket fire into Israel, must stop. Calm must be restored in order to focus all energies on finding a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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