



Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process ad interim, Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov, on UNRWA

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"I strongly condemn today's unauthorized entry and unlawful seizure by Israeli authorities, of the United Nations facility operated by UNRWA, in occupied East Jerusalem. The Kalandia Training Centre is United Nations premises and is inviolable and immune from any form of interference.

I recall that the International Court of Justice, in its recent advisory opinion, reaffirmed that executive, administrative, judicial, or legislative actions directed against United Nations premises, property, or assets are prohibited under Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

These actions also impact the Palestinian population served by UNRWA. In particular, the unlawful seizure of the Kalandia Training Center would immediately deprive 340 Palestine Refugee youth from the West Bank of their right to education, with thousands more at risk of being affected in the years ahead

I urge the Government of Israel to immediately cease all actions affecting United Nations property, to withdraw from the facility, and to restore its full inviolability without delay. I also call on the Israeli authorities to refrain from taking any further action affecting UN property and assets, in line with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and its other obligations under international law."

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