

**Statement by Richard Miron, Spokesperson for the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry, following the rocket attack on Ashkelon**

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We condemn the attack on Ashkelon earlier today, in which a rocket struck a residential area. Indiscriminate rocket fire against civilians is completely unacceptable and constitutes a terrorist attack.

We call on the de-facto authorities in Gaza to ensure that these kinds of actions do not occur.

Violent actions must not be allowed to undermine progress in the on-going talks between Israel and the Palestinians. We urge all parties to exercise restraint and abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention and international law.

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