

Statement by Robert H. Serry, United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process on the on-going hunger strike by Palestinian prisoners.

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Jerusalem, 3 May 2012. The United Nations continues to follow with concern the many issues related to the question of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and detention centres. The Special Coordinator is deeply troubled in particular, by reports about the critical condition of at least two Palestinian prisoners being held in administrative detention by the Israeli Authorities, who have been on hunger strike for more than two months. Above all, he urges all sides to find a solution before it is too late, and calls on Israel to abide by its legal obligations under international law and do everything in its power to preserve the health of the prisoners.

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