



Press Statement

**United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, on the electricity crisis and protests in Gaza**

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"I am following with great concern the tense situation unfolding in Gaza after two million Palestinians have been left with just a couple of hours of electricity per day in the middle of winter.

I call for the full respect of the right to freedom of expression, peaceful protest and assembly in Gaza. All responsible authorities must cooperate to resolve the electricity crisis immediately."

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