

**Statement of Robert Serry, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, on the attack on a mosque in the West Bank on 4 May 2010**

**For immediate release**

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**I am deeply concerned at a fire service report that a blaze in a mosque on 4th May in the village of Lubban al Sharqiya in the West Bank was probably arson.**

**There have been a number of attacks upon mosques in recent months, as well as violence against Palestinian property and individuals by extremist settlers. I condemn these attacks. It is vital that the Israeli Government impose the rule of law and that those responsible for such crimes are brought to justice.**

**Extremists from either side must not be allowed to set the agenda and undermine the vital efforts to renew negotiations.**