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Statement by the Secretary-General on the journalist abducted in Gaza

As Secretary-General of the United Nations, I have been closely following the abduction of BBC journalist Alan Johnston. I am deeply concerned. Even after one month of his abduction, he has not been released. His coverage of Palestinian issues has earned a great reputation worldwide. Freedom of coverage, as well as freedom of the press, should be protected as a matter of principle. I sincerely hope that those who are responsible for this abduction should release him unconditionally and immediately. I will do whatever I can in my capacity as Secretary-General. My sympathy is with the family of Mr. Alan Johnston. I wish him well.

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