



**Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,  
Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, on the death of Sa'ad Dawabsha following last week's arson  
attack in the occupied West Bank**

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"I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Sa'ad Dawabsha, father of toddler Ali Dawabsha who was killed in an arson attack on their home in Duma village on 31 July. Despite the excellent care of Israeli and Palestinian medical professionals, early Saturday morning he succumbed to his wounds.

On behalf of the United Nations family, I extend our heartfelt condolences to his relatives, friends and the community. Our thoughts and prayers go out for the recovery of his four year-old son, Ahmed, and his wife, Riham, who is also fighting for her life.

I reiterate the Secretary-General's call for the perpetrators of this heinous terrorist act, which was universally condemned, to be brought swiftly to justice. Political, community and religious leaders on all sides should work together and not allow extremists to escalate the situation and take control of the political agenda."

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