



**Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Mr. Robert Serry, on the shelling of UNSCO premises in Gaza**

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The UNSCO compound in Gaza was hit early in the morning of 29 July by a number of projectiles which caused damage to the main building and to United Nations vehicles. UNSCO security personnel working from a safe room in the compound were fortunately unharmed.

According to a preliminary United Nations assessment at the site, a total of five projectiles impacted the compound and two impacted the ground just outside.

The Special Coordinator is deeply concerned about this incident and other violations of United Nations premises during the conflict and condemns the loss of civilian lives, including United Nations personnel, in these incidents.

Pending a more formal investigation to ascertain responsibilities for the shelling of the UNSCO compound, we have reminded relevant parties to the conflict of their responsibility to protect United Nations operations, personnel and premises which must remain inviolable, in accordance with applicable international law, including the 1946 Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

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