



**Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, on bomb explosion on bus in Jerusalem**

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"I strongly condemn today's terrorist bomb attack on a bus in Jerusalem which has reportedly injured at least 15 Israelis, two of them seriously. Our thoughts and prayers go out for their full recovery.

Terrorism and violence can never be justified and the perpetrators of this heinous act must be brought to justice.

I urge all leaders to work together to avoid escalation and counter the extremist forces seeking to destabilize the situation.

It is unacceptable that some have praised this act that will only fuel more hatred and further undermine prospects for peace."

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