



**Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, on the apparent extra-judicial execution of a Palestinian assailant in
Hebron in the occupied West Bank**

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"I strongly condemn yesterday's apparent extra-judicial execution of a Palestinian assailant in Hebron in the occupied West Bank. This was a gruesome, immoral and unjust act that can only fuel more violence and escalate an already volatile situation.

I welcome the condemnation by the Israeli Minister of Defence and call on the authorities to swiftly bring to justice the perpetrator who has already been detained.

It is time to stop the negative spiral of violence and to begin positive steps towards ending the occupation and bringing long overdue peace and security to the people of Israel and Palestine."

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