



**Statement by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,  
Tor Wennesland, on the situation in the occupied West Bank**

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Earlier today, 11 Palestinians, including an elderly man and a minor, were killed and some 100 were injured, during an Israeli security forces' arrest operation and ensuing clashes with armed Palestinians in Nablus in the occupied West Bank.

I am deeply disturbed by the continuing cycle of violence and appalled by the loss of civilian lives.

I am continuing my engagement with all concerned parties to deescalate the situation. I urge all sides to refrain from steps that could further enflame an already volatile situation.

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