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**SECRETARY-GENERAL DEEPLY SADDENED BY DEATH OF PALESTINIAN MINISTER AFTER CLASH
WITH ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES, CALLS FOR SWIFT, TRANSPARENT INVESTIGATION**

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

The Secretary-General is deeply saddened by the death of Palestinian Minister Ziad Abu Ein, after a demonstration in the village of Turmus Ayya that resulted in a confrontation with Israeli security forces. He expresses his condolences to the family of Minister Abu Ein, the Palestinian people and the Government of National Consensus.

The Secretary-General calls on the Israeli authorities to conduct a swift and transparent investigation into the circumstances of the brutal death of Minister Abu Ein. He also calls on all sides to exercise maximum restraint and avoid further escalation.

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