
Readout of SecGen's Telephone Conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu

Nairobi —The Secretary-General spoke by telephone today with H.E. Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel. The Secretary-General stressed his concern at the current difficulties in the peace process. They discussed the recent violence affecting Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. The Secretary-General said he hoped the Prime Minister would act with wisdom and restraint. They also discussed the changes in the Arab world.

The Secretary-General noted Prime Minister Netanyahu's concerns about possible flotilla shipments for Gaza. The Secretary-General reiterated that there are land routes available for those wishing to send humanitarian assistance to Gaza. He stressed as well that Israel should take meaningful steps to end the closure of Gaza.