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SECRETARY-GENERAL CONDEMNING ABDUCTION OF ISRAELI STUDENTS, EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER CHILD'S DEATH, 'TREND TOWARD VIOLENCE ON THE GROUND'

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

The Secretary-General condemns the abduction on 12 June of three Israeli students, including two minors, in the West Bank. He expresses his solidarity with the families of the abducted and calls for their immediate release.

The Secretary-General again expresses his deep concern about the trend towards violence on the ground and attendant loss of life, including today of a child in Gaza as a result of a recent Israeli airstrike. He expresses his condolences to the bereaved family.

The Secretary-General urges all to exercise restraint and lend their urgent support for the release and safe return of the three youths.

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