
BECKETT CONCERNED BY VIOLENCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (17/05/07)

'I remain deeply worried by the continuing violence between militias in the Gaza Strip. We want to see the latest cease-fire take hold, for the sake of all the people of Gaza. I support President Abbas' efforts to achieve this.

'I also deplore rocket attacks from Gaza against Israel, attacks that are bringing suffering to Israeli civilians.

'I would like to express my sorrow for the families of civilians killed and injured, on all sides. I call on all parties to refrain from violence and to restore to the people of Gaza and nearby Israeli communities the security that they need and deserve.'