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SECRETARY-GENERAL, DEEPLY CONCERNED AT ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL,

GAZA, CALLS FOR COMPLETE CESSATION, URGES MAXIMUM ISRAELI RESTRAINT

The following statement was issued on 30 October by the Spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

The Secretary-General has been following with deep concern the recent escalation of violence and bloodshed in southern Israel and Gaza. He condemns rocket fire from Gaza, which has killed an Israeli civilian, and calls for its complete cessation. He urges maximum Israeli restraint following the killing of a reported ten alleged militants. He hopes that the parties will fully respect the calm as brokered by Egypt. The Office of the Special Coordinator on the ground remains actively engaged in supporting these efforts.

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