



**UN Envoy Strongly Condemns Today's Arson Attack in the Occupied West Bank;
Calls for Perpetrators to be Brought to Justice**

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Following the outrage perpetrated against the Dawabsha family in the village of Duma, United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, made the following statement:

"I am outraged by today's vicious arson attack by suspected Jewish extremists in the Occupied West Bank village of Duma near Nablus, which killed Palestinian toddler, Ali, critically injured his mother and father and injured his four-year old sibling. My thoughts are with the family and friends of the victims.

I join in the strong condemnations issued by Israeli and Palestinian Government and political leaders. I call for a full and prompt investigation to bring the perpetrators of this terrorist crime to justice.

This heinous murder was carried out for a political objective. We must not permit such acts to allow hate and violence to bring more personal tragedies and to bury any prospect of peace. This reinforces the need for an immediate resolution of the conflict and an end to the occupation."

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