



**Statement by United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Nickolay Mladenov, on the situation in Gaza**

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“I am following with concern the continuing preparations and rhetoric for this Friday’s ‘Great Return March’ in Gaza.

Israeli forces should exercise maximum restraint and Palestinians should avoid friction at the Gaza fence.

Demonstrations and protests must be allowed to proceed in a peaceful manner. Civilians, particularly children, must not be intentionally put in danger or targeted in any way.”

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