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SECRETARY-GENERAL CONDEMNS 'DESPICABLE ACT OF VIOLENCE BY ISRAELI SETTLER',  
APPEALS FOR CALM ON PART OF ALL CONCERNED

The following statement was issued this morning by the Spokesman for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali:

The Secretary-General has learned with revulsion and outrage of the shooting massacre that occurred this morning at the al-Ibrahim Mosque (Tomb of the Patriarchs) in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron. He condemns in the strongest possible terms this despicable act of violence by an Israeli settler in which dozens of innocent Palestinian worshippers were killed and scores wounded.

The Secretary-General is deeply concerned by the unrest generated throughout the occupied territories in reaction to this incident, and the impact that this may have on negotiations between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Government of Israel. He appeals for calm on the part of all concerned, so that the implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Palestinian Interim Self-Government Arrangements may proceed without delay. At the same time, he calls on the Israeli authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure that settlers refrain from such criminal acts.

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